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*Richard Diener Nursery*

1939-1940

O X N A R D ★ C A L I F O R N I A

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# GREETINGS

WITH the presentation of this 1939-1940 catalog, we wish to again call your attention to our new Giant Double Shasta Daisy "G. Marconi". It is one of the most outstanding Shasta Daisies to be found the world over.

Their free-flowering habit, length of stems and large showy double flowers make them invaluable for florists and private home gardens, as well as for decorative purposes.

We exhibited a number of these plants at the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition. All who saw them were amazed at the giant sized flowers and their strong upright stems.

This variety is decidedly different from any other Shasta Daisy on the market.

Several thousands of our Pelargonium plants were used in the color arrangement of flower beds at the Exposition. We also sent a number of new varieties in pots for exhibition purposes. Among those being judged exceedingly valuable were No. 25 Peggy Craddock, No. 54 and No. 63. Those numbered 54 and 63 are as yet unnamed and will be listed in our next catalog.

Our nursery is not one of the largest, but to anyone interested in flowers, it is perhaps one of the most interesting. Many outstanding flower novelties are born here and sent to all parts of the civilized world for the enjoyment of flower lovers.

To everyone interested, we extend a cordial invitation to visit our nursery.

The nursery is open every week day from 7:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m., and the first Sunday of each month. We are open until noon on all other regular holidays.

Your past patronage has been appreciated, and we can assure you that any selection you make from this catalog will assist materially in making your garden one of beauty and admiration.

Oxnard is situated midway between Los Angeles and Santa Barbara, in Ventura County, on the main line of the Southern Pacific Railroad and on the Roosevelt Coast Highway. It is a city of about 7000 people and has a temperate climate, averaging 70 degrees the year 'round. Oxnard is one of the nicest, cleanest little towns in California.

An order sheet and addressed reply envelope are inclosed for your convenience. Place your orders early so that you will not be disappointed in your selection.

RICHARD DIENER NURSERY

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# CONDITIONS AND TERMS OF SALE

**SPECIAL NOTICE**—To prevent any delay in filling your order, items selected from this catalog should be addressed to

**RICHARD DIENER NURSERY,**  
Oxnard, California, U. S. A.

**Foreign Customers:** Foreign customers **MUST** remit by bank draft or Express Money Order. Personal checks and Postal Money Orders are **NOT ACCEPTABLE**.

**Canadian Customers:** In accordance with the ruling governing the importation of Nursery Stock from the United States into Canada, it will be necessary to obtain a permit from the Secretary of the Destructive Insect and Pest Act Advisory Board, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, and file same with the Collector of Customs before shipment can be cleared. Seeds are exempt from this ruling, and may be shipped into Canada without a permit. Gladiolus bulbs come under the classification of Nursery Stock.

This ruling must be complied with in order to make delivery and we ask you, in the event of an order, to secure this permit, advising us of the number of same, that we may mark it on the outside wrapper.

**Prices:** The prices quoted herein are our very lowest current prices. They cancel all previous quotations made either by letter or advertisements.

**Guarantee:** We exercise every care to ship only first-class stock but give no warranty, expressed or implied, and will not be in any way responsible for the results of planting or forcing of any seeds, bulbs, roots or tubers sent out by us.

To satisfy our customers in every way has been our first aim. Bulbs found not true to name should be retained by the customer and we shall replace number that are untrue, free of charge. No planting stock or bulblets will be included in this case.

If you have any complaints to make about any stock received from us, please do not hesitate to do so and we shall correct any error. We do not consider

our transaction complete until you are absolutely satisfied.

**Postage:** For airmail orders, add 12c for postage. Orders for plants and Amaryllis bulbs will be sent Express Collect.

**Terms: Cash with Order.** Remit by bank draft, express or postal money orders. **Canadian customers please remit by postal money orders. Do not remit by personal checks. Positively no C. O. D. orders accepted.**

Unused U. S. postage stamps accepted up to the amount of fifty cents.

Write your address plainly. We had orders last year which we were unable to get into the hands of the purchaser. If your handwriting is poor, please print your address.

**Order Early:** An order sheet and addressed reply envelope are inclosed for your convenience. Place your orders early so that you will not be disappointed in your selection. All orders are filled promptly the day they come in or the day after. If you do not receive your order in two weeks, please notify us promptly as there have been occasions where people sent orders which we did not receive. **In such a case please repeat the order so an immediate replacement of goods can be made.**

Order your Petunia and Dahlia seeds or bulbs early as they might easily be damaged if carried around by the postman in zero weather and exposed to frost for hours.

**Substitution:** In the latter part of the season we may be out of some varieties, so please give your second choice. In case no substitution is desired please so advise in your order.

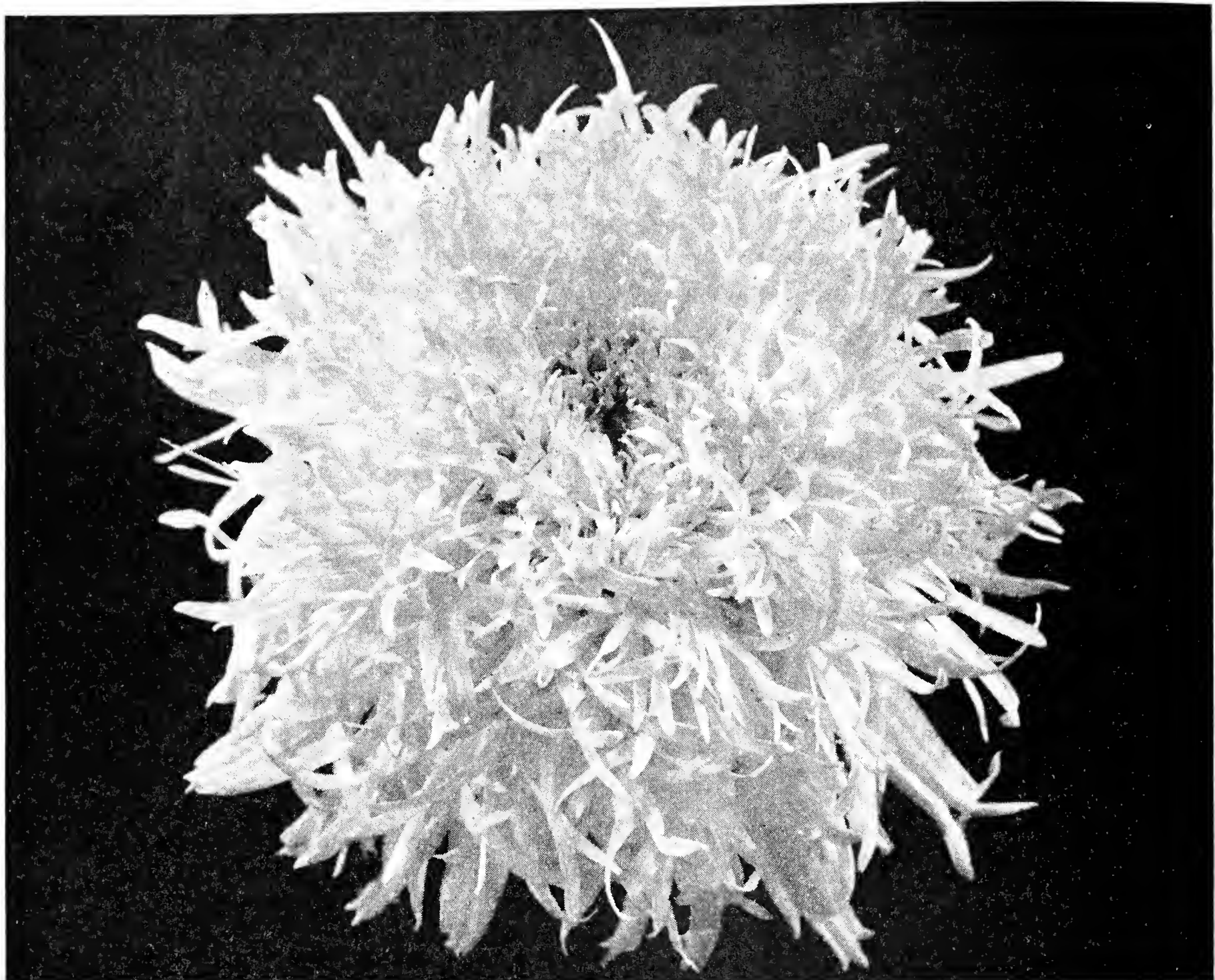
**Packing:** Through years of experience we have worked out the most satisfactory method of packing seeds and bulbs and there is very little possibility of damaging them in transit, either by frost or moisture.

**NOTICE:** Please keep this catalog and read it over carefully. It contains growing culture answers to most of the questions usually asked by customers. In the future when such questions are asked we shall refer customers to our catalog. These inquiries usually come in during the busy season and it is almost impossible to answer them all.

We issue only one catalog in which we list both wholesale and retail prices.

Our Nursery is open every week day and the first Sunday in the month. We are open until noon on all other regular holidays.

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DIENER'S NEW ALL-DOUBLE SHASTA DAISY SEEDS

## SHASTA DAISIES

For the last ten years the Shasta Daisies have had special attention and the results are very gratifying. We believe we have at present the largest and finest double and single Shasta Daisies in existence, all of our own production. The majority of them are of the much preferred Chiffon type, which has made a sensation with our customers.

Many people do not realize that such great advancement has been made with this wonderful flower. You should grow all you can, as plants and flowers sell easily. If you have had seed from us several years ago, the varieties we had then have all been discarded. The seeds now are all from the latest improved varieties.

### DIENER'S NEW GIANT DOUBLE EVERFLOWERING SHASTA DAISY, "G. MARCONI"

Of all the thousands of Shasta Daisies we have raised the last few years this variety is the most highly perfected in size, shape and growth. It is equally valuable and is unsurpassed for home garden beautification, cut flowers in the home, or when

grown commercially. As it flowers continuously in climates where it is not damaged by frosts. Or it can be grown for winter cut flowers under glass in cold climates. For this purpose we would recommend the young rooted cuttings out of 3-inch pots.

Seeds sold in 40 seed packets only.

Packet 50c      6 packets \$2.50

Rooted Plant Cuttings From the Original Plants

50c each      \$5.00 per doz.

No bulb or plant orders filled for less than \$1.00. Shipment will be made by Railway Express Agency, charges "Collect."

Directions for Sowing: Sow the Shasta Daisy seeds in a cold frame in light soil containing some sand. Cover the seeds very lightly with the same soil, just enough to cover them, and keep moist. Shade the seed bed with either cheesecloth or muslin until they are up. When large enough to handle, plant them in the open in well fertilized ground twelve to fifteen inches apart. In localities where it is very cold it is advisable to cover them with straw or leaves during the cold weather. In the second year the flowers reach perfection.

**DIENER'S ALL-DOUBLE SHASTA DAISY MIXED**

Packet 50c      6 packets \$2.00

**DIENER'S NEW SINGLE BROAD PETAL SHASTA DAISY**

Long stems, flowers 8 inches in diameter, early flowering.

Packet 25c      6 packets \$1.00

**SHASTA DAISIES**

All varieties, single, semi-double and double mixed.

Packet 25c      6 packets \$1.00

**DIENER'S SINGLE BROAD PETAL SHASTA DAISY**

Flowers 6 to 7 inches in diameter.

Packet 25c      6 packets \$1.00

**DIENER'S FANCY CHIFFON SHASTA DAISY**

Packet 50c

Prices on larger quantities on request.

**Rooted Plant Cuttings From the Original Plants**

25c each      \$2.50 dozen

**DELPHINIUM SULPHUREUM**

(Hardy Perennial)

This large flowering canary yellow variety has flower spikes 3 to 4 feet tall and is a beautiful orchid-like Delphinium, easy growing. It dies down after flowering and forms a blackish-looking bulb in the ground. They need no water during the rest period. This variety produces very few seeds. Seeds offered here are of our 1939 raising. Sow out during the fall.

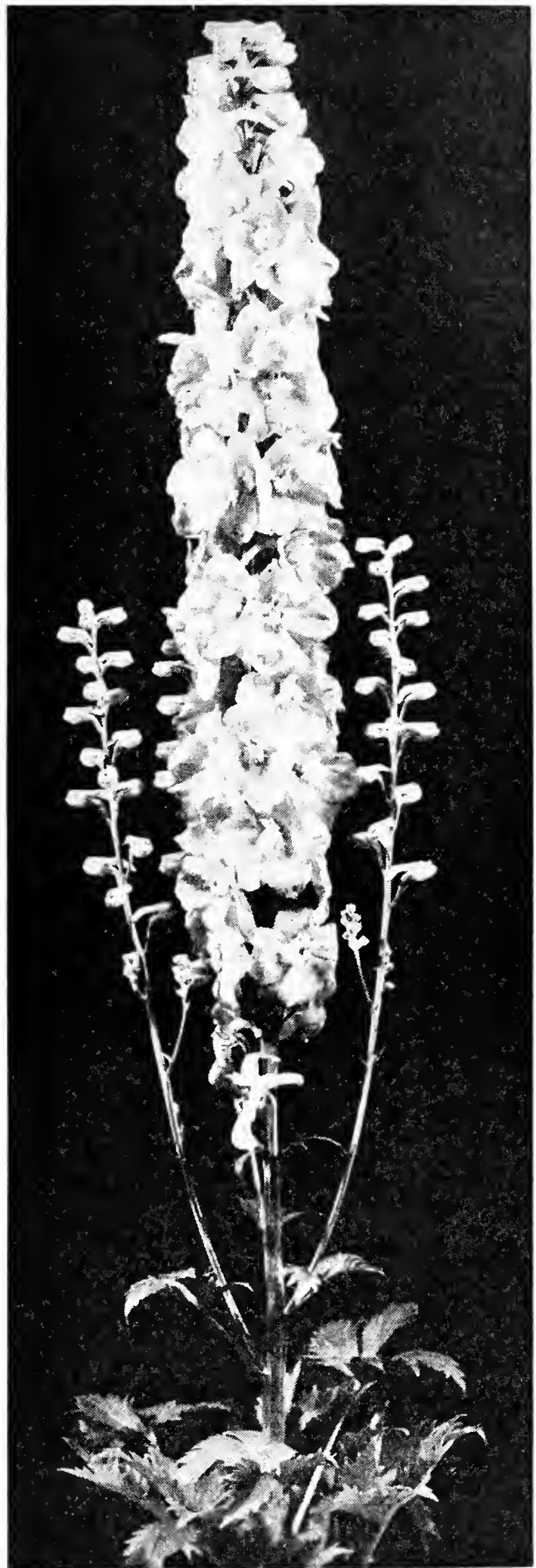
Package 50c      6 packages \$2.50

**DIENER'S DELPHINIUM HYBRID PERENNIALS**

"Dreams of Beauty"

These Delphinium have been favorites with our customers for many years. They have done well in the tropics as well as in Alaska and all over the United States. They are very hardy against fungus diseases and mildew affects them very little, as for years we have destroyed all plants that show any mildew. They are immensely free flowering; as soon as one set of stems has finished flowering, it is replaced with another set, and this is repeated during the whole growing season. The flowers are single semi-double and double and the colors run from sky blue through all intermediate shades to the deepest indigo blue and many have pinkish frillings. All colorings are truly exquisite and the sizes of the single flowers are the very largest; they have willowy flexible stems with very long closely set spire-like spikes. The many testimonials, freely given to us, are enough proof of their popularity.

Sample pkg. 50c      Trade pkg. \$1.00      ½ oz. \$2.50  
1 oz. \$5.00      1 pound \$60.00



**FLOWER SPIKES, FOUR FEET HIGH**  
Cut from Six Months' Old Seedlings

**Directions for Sowing:** Make a soil of leaf mould with a little sand and sift through a screen. Place this soil three inches deep in a box or bed and smooth the surface of the soil with a flat board. Then sprinkle the seeds over the surface and press them into the soil with the board. Do not cover with any soil or at least very lightly, not more than the thickness of the seeds, as they will not come up if too heavily covered. Moisten the soil with a fine sprinkler and cover the seed bed with burlap. Sprinkle the burlap two or three times each day to keep moist. Remove the burlap about eight to ten days after the seeds are up and keep the soil moist at all times. Under no condition should you use a fertilizer of any kind in this seed bed. Keep snails or slugs away by making a ring around the seed bed, with air-slacked lime. Keep the young seedlings shaded with cheesecloth.



## AMARYLLIS

(Diener's Everflowering Mammoth Hybrids)

Quite a bit of time has been given to the development and improvement of Amaryllis. We have been able to produce large flowers, faster and healthier growing plants than have heretofore been obtainable. It has also been possible to develop these flowers to the point where they will bloom several times a year. You may contrast this with the older varieties which are slow growing and bloom but once a year.

Some years ago it was found some of our seedlings had flowered not only in the period of February to May but again during the summer. These were used for further breeding, and the present stock has been entirely made up from those seedlings which had flowered more than once during the year. The next development was for size. The last two seasons some of our blooms measured sixteen inches across the flower. Many of our bulbs are flowering as much as three and even four times a year. If you should be a visitor in our nursery any time during the year you may see Amaryllis in flower. The main flowering season is still from February to May. We have over 100,000 flowering sized bulbs growing, which continually develop the year round. These bulbs can be shipped any time during the year.

In cold climates where there are no greenhouses or facilities to keep them growing, the bulbs may be dried up in the fall and repotted in good rich soil about the end of November or first part of December. They should then be put in a window where they may get some sunlight and be free from frost. By keeping them in a living-room of average warmth, they should flower during the winter within five or six weeks after planting. Our Amaryllis may be considered an entirely different strain from the average variety on the market. It grows faster, flowers more often and brings larger flowers.

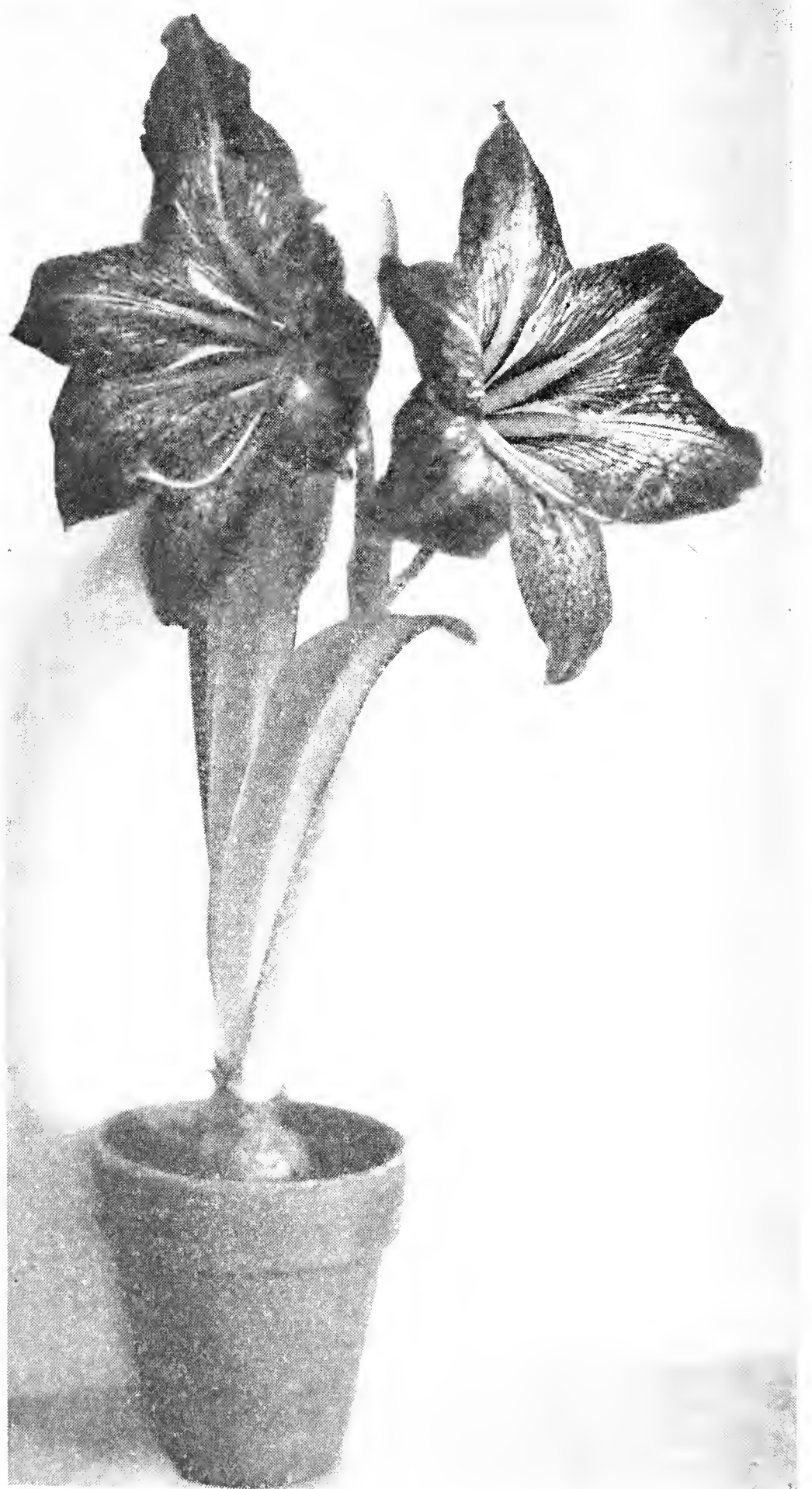
Where the ground does not freeze, our Amaryllis may be planted in the open. It is best to plant them on the south side of the house, although they will grow in the shade of a tree where the climate generally is quite warm. Our variety is different from the pink or Belladonna variety which grows with the bulb under the ground. Instead, our bulbs are above the ground with only the roots in the soil. A well-fertilized soil and plenty of water are essential in raising large flowers.

Few people realize that our Amaryllis are so easy to grow. They may be grown out-

side during the summer and taken indoors during the winter. It is a tremendous joy to flower lovers to bring into bloom during the winter an Amaryllis with a flower 8 to 10 inches in diameter.

Due to our large stock, we are in a position to make our prices especially low. Extra fine bulbs may be had for as little as one dollar each. There are many special fancy and rare varieties that sell at slightly higher prices.

The Equestris Hybrids are nearly the same size as the Mammoth Hybrids. Their colors run more to the various shades of pink and orange with some salmon



AMARYLLIS  
Diener's Everflowering Mammoth Hybrid



and copper colors. All these colors may be found in the seeds. Bulbs of the copper and salmon shades are not available except during the months of March and April. At the present time our marked stock of these colors is limited, and it will not be until the spring flowering that we will again be in a position to set aside additional stock.

In seeds you will find the greatest variety of colors, and as our type grows much easier and flowers much earlier than the old types you can raise a bunch of seedlings with very little trouble. Under favorable conditions the seedlings will start flowering from 15 to 20 months from sowing. We have some very outstanding specimens, but so far, with the exception of a few, none has been named. All go into the seed mixture, so you will find the very best ones therein.

The Amaryllis Society holds a flower show in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona in September each year; both the Giant Mammoth Everflowering Hybrids and Equestris Hybrids have taken first prize. Many visitors were surprised to see such a display of large Amaryllis flowers at this time of the year, as the flowering season for most Amaryllis is during March and April. However, our hybrid Amaryllis flower several times during the year, so discard your old type of Amaryllis and get these new hybrids.

**Directions for Planting:** Cultivation is simple. Soil suitable for a geranium or fuchsia is right for them. They must have shade when under glass. When bulbs are larger it is necessary in planting that just the roots be placed in the ground, the whole bulbs must be above the ground. They should be watered only when the top soil is dry. Amaryllis should be kept under continual cultivation all the year, never rested or kept dry. Soil should be changed once a year. The nearer they are kept to 70 degrees at night the more they will flower.

**DIENER'S EVERFLOWERING  
MAMMOTH HYBRID  
AMARYLLIS**

No bulb or plant orders filled for less than \$1.00. Shipment will be made by Railway Express Agency, charges "Collect."

Flowering Size Bulbs		Each	Per Hundred
6 to 7 inches in circumference.....	\$ .25		\$ 25.00
8 to 10 inches in circumference.....	.50		50.00
10 to 12 inches in circumference.....	.75		75.00
Selected Stock .....	1.00		100.00
SEEDS: 20 seeds 50c    100 seeds \$1.50			
1000 seeds \$10.00			

**DIENER'S AMARYLLIS  
EQUESTRIS HYBRIDS**

Flowering Size Bulbs		Each	Per Hundred
6 to 7 inches in circumference.....	\$ .25		\$20.00
8 to 10 inches in circumference.....	.50		40.00
10 to 12 inches in circumference.....	.75		60.00
SEEDS: 20 seeds 50c    100 seeds \$1.50			
1000 seeds \$10.00			

**AMARYLLIS SEEDS**

**Directions for Sowing:** Amaryllis seeds should be sown in boxes or seed pans (in greenhouse or hot bed) containing finely sifted sandy leaf mould to a thickness of three inches. Smooth out surface of soil evenly and sprinkle thoroughly. Spread seeds closely together (so close that they touch one another) and cover with the same soil, just sufficient to hold down. Keep moist but not too wet. If air is too dry cover with glass. In case of very hot sun, cover the glass with a sheet of paper in order to prevent the heat from burning the young plants. Plants will come up in about three weeks and should remain in the same box for two or three months. Replant in three-inch pot or in boxes about two inches apart. Seedlings, when given the proper care, will commence to flower fifteen months after sowing. Seeds may be sown at any time of the year in a greenhouse.

20 seeds 50c    100 seeds \$1.50    1000 seeds \$10.00

**CENTAUREA CYANUS (Double)**  
(Corn Flower or Bachelor's Button)

This old-fashioned hardy annual is still a great favorite for cutting purposes. Seeds may be sown either in the autumn or spring. Height 2-3 feet. Finest mixed. Packet.....\$ .20

**CENTAUREA IMPERIALIS**  
(Royal Sweet Sultan)

This is the variety so popular in the florist's store. The plants are of spreading habit, very fine for cut flowers and flowers the entire summer. A hardy annual. Sow in autumn or early spring. Height 3-4 feet. Mixed. Packet .....\$ .20

**CENTAUREA MOSCHATA**  
(Hardy Annual)

Finest mixed, very desirable for cut flowers. Packet .....\$ .20

Kenmare, N. Dak., Jan. 3, 1939.  
Richard Diener Nursery, Oxnard, California.  
Dear Sirs: One of the Amaryllis is blooming and it gives me pleasure to tell you that we have never seen an Amaryllis of such dimensions. It is perfectly beautiful, and we are certainly enjoying it.

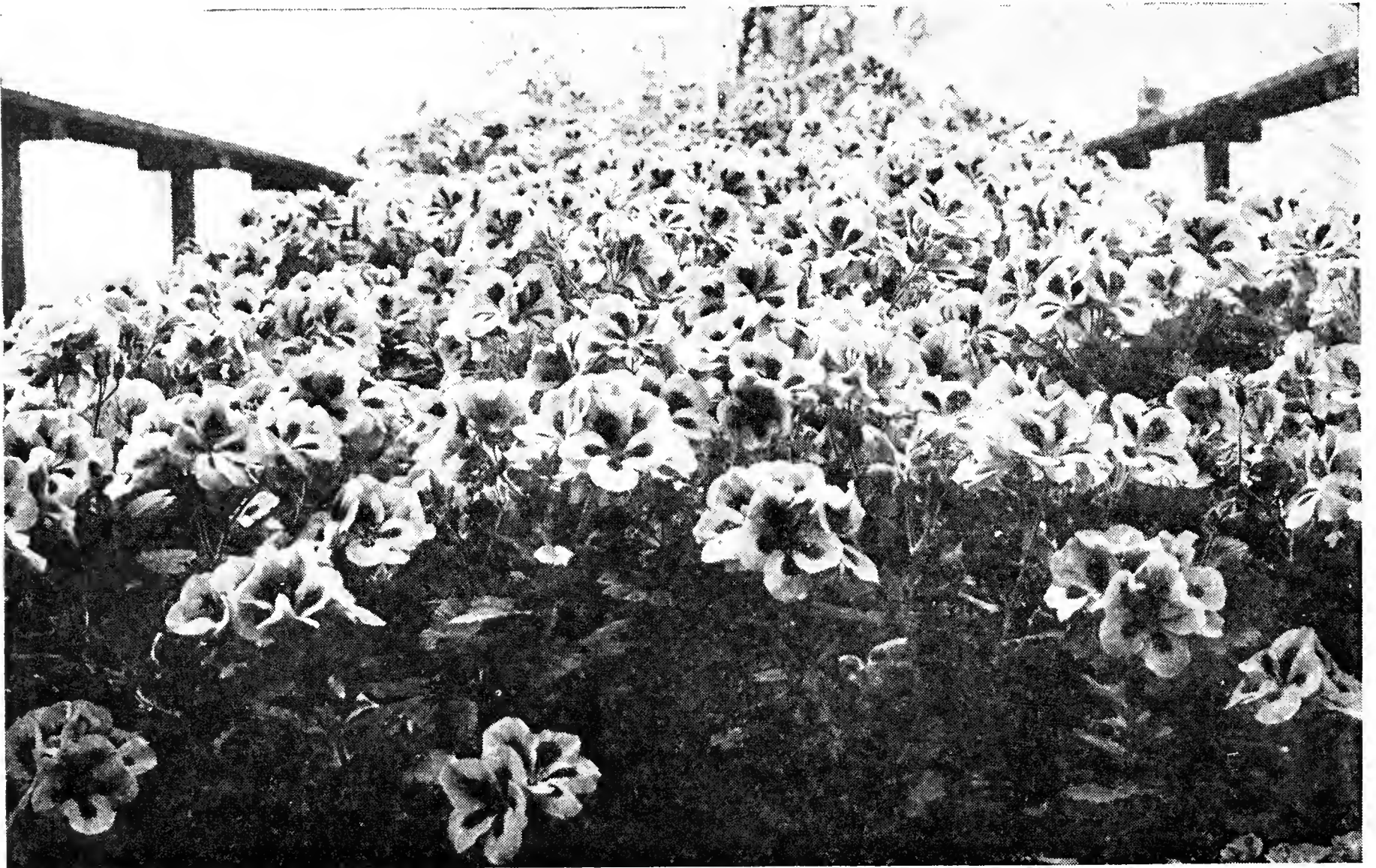
Sincerely yours,  
URSULINE SISTERS.

Glen Rock, New Jersey, Nov. 30, 1938.  
Richard Diener Nursery, Oxnard, California.  
Gentlemen: We have had continuous pleasure with our Mammoth Hybrid Amaryllis; the flowers were larger than any we saw in the New York Flower Show.

The Petunias grown from seed three years ago are mostly gone but they were a great success.  
Respectfully yours,  
MARY S. WHITFORD.

Vancouver, B. C., Canada, March 9, 1938.  
Richard Diener Nursery, Oxnard, California.

Gentlemen: I received your plants in good shape last fall. Every one did well. At present I have 3 lovely blooms on the Amaryllis Hybrid. I haven't seen anything like them in Vancouver.  
The Geranium Flamingo is an excellent plant, and has been in constant bloom all winter. This is the most persistent bloomer of a collection of nearly 50 varieties. Thanking you,  
R. KELL.



No. 6. GIANT VENUS PELARGONIUM

## PELARGONIUMS

(Lady Washingtons)

Diener's Newest Everflowering Hybrids

These new Pelargoniums, all our own creations, are second and third generation crosses from Eastergreeting. The flowers are over twice larger than the Eastergreeting type and flower the whole year around, which makes them all the more valuable. The plants are of semi-dwarf growth and in flowering resemble Azaleas. For those who grow pot plants or for bedding these are very valuable and easy sellers in any size, as they flower from cuttings and keep on flowering continually.

Through the introduction of these new varieties Pelargoniums will take on a new popularity, as the colors and size are so unusual and appealing.

No bulb or plant orders filled for less than \$1.00. Shipment will be made by Railway Express Agency, charges "Collect."

No less than 5 cuttings of any one variety of Pelargoniums.

No. 1. SANTA MONICA.—La France pink with large, deep red spots in the center of two upper petals. Surrounded by rose pink. Single flowers are three inches in diameter. A beauty.

No. 2. DIENER'S GIANT.—Spinel pink. Two upper petals have large, blood red spots in center. Surrounded by rose pink. Single flowers four inches in diameter. A silver dollar will not cover a single flower petal. Unquestionably the largest Pelargonium in existence.

No. 3. RUTH W. McAFEE.—Begonia rose with salmon sheen. Deep red spots in center of two upper petals. Three inches in diameter. One of the most beautiful Pelargoniums.

No. 4. BEVERLY HILLS.—Amaranth pink or orchid color. Two upper petals have blood red spots. Three inches in diameter. Flowers have fringed edges. A very outstanding variety.

No. 5. MRS. MARY BARD.—Snow white with a few mallow purple stripes in center of flower. Two and one-half inches in diameter.

No. 6. GIANT VENUS.—Bright rose pink with a maroon spot in the center of all five petals. Plants of dwarf habit. Flowers 3½ inches in diameter. A very beautiful variety.

No. 7. GLENDALE.—Tyrian rose with blood red spots in center of all five petals. Flowers 3½ inches in diameter. An outstanding variety.

No. 8. GOLETA.—Deep rose color with maroon spots in two upper petals which are surrounded by strawberry pink. Three inches in diameter.

No. 9. PIRU.—Rose color with center of two upper petals deep blood red surrounded by strawberry pink. Single flowers 3½ inches in diameter.

No. 10. SAN DIEGO.—Mallow purple. Maroon spots in all five petals. Flowers 2½ inches in diameter with heavily frilled edges. An exceptional variety.

No. 11. PASADENA.—Rose color with maroon spots in two upper petals. Single flowers three inches in diameter.

No. 12. **VERA N. WATT.**—Deep rose pink with blood red spots in two upper petals surrounded by strawberry pink. Single flowers 2½ inches in diameter and ruffled. A beauty.

No. 14. **SANTA BARBARA.**—Rose red with blood red spots in two upper petals. Flowers 3 inches in diameter and ruffled. Plants of dwarf growth.

No. 15. **PASO ROBLES.**—Carmine. Deep blood red spots in center of two upper petals. Small red spot in three lower petals. Flowers 3 inches in diameter. A very free flowering variety.

No. 16. **MRS. F. BACHLER.**—Deep rose-red, center of upper petals blood-red. Flowers 3 inches in diameter. Always in flower. An outstanding, beautiful variety.

No. 17. **THERESE.**—Light Mallow-purple; upper petals Dahlia-purple center. Flowers 3 inches in diameter.

Young rooted plants of the above varieties...25c each  
A collection of 16 varieties.....\$3.50  
Unrooted cuttings .....5 for 25c  
100 cuttings .....\$4.00

Note: Should be we sold out of rooted cuttings during the season we shall send unrooted cuttings in a greater quantity, 5 unrooted cuttings in place of 1 rooted plant.

**NEW PELARGONIUMS**

No. 18. **ELENORE ROBER.**—1938 Novelty. Begonia Rose, two maroon spots in upper petals. Large flowers and a very showy variety.

No. 22. **LOIS MacKAY.**—Tyrian pink, large, upper petals strongly veined with bordeaux. Fine, healthy grower and a very fine 1938 novelty.

No. 25. **PEGGY CRADDOCK.**—An exceptionally fine variety of healthy growth. Flowers three inches in diameter. La France pink with Vandyke red spot in center of each petal and stripes of the Vandyke red running from spots towards the center.

No. 27. A new variety of exceptional merit. Flowers three inches in diameter. Tyrian pink, a little lighter in center. Blood red spots in the two upper petals. A very healthy grower of medium height.

No. 36. A very outstanding variety, of exceptional growth. Flowers three inches in diameter. Pale Rosolane purple with Auricula purple spots in all five petals.

No. 40. A Pelargonium in a class by itself, being one of the very largest flowering varieties of semi-dwarf growth and having as many as 10 flowers to a stem, each flower measuring up to 3½ inches in diameter. The petals are daintily frilled and the color is a striking clear spinel pink with a dark red spot and veins in the two upper petals.

The above six varieties of new Pelargoniums are sold at \$1.00 each or \$10.00 per dozen for young rooted plants. Or a collection of one plant each of the 6 varieties for \$5.00.

Unrooted cuttings of the above varieties 3 for 50c.

**FREESIA SEEDS**

A mixture of Diener's own hybrids. They run mostly in lavender, blue, purple, yellow and white. There are some among them with reddish and pink tints. Flowers mostly double the size of the regular kinds and even larger. They have long stems and we believe there is nothing better in existence. We are increasing the stock from some of the finest and largest seedlings of the last few years and the seeds are taken from these. If sowed out early, many will flower five to six months after sowing.

Pkg. 25c    ½ oz. 50c    1 oz. \$1.00    1 lb. \$15.00

**Directions for Sowing:** Sow the seeds right out in the open in subtropical and tropical localities. Put them in rows, twelve inches apart and about three seeds to the inch in the row. Cover the seeds with a good, rich soil one-quarter inch deep. In cold climates, sow them out in boxes or seed pans, placing the seeds about one inch apart and one-fourth inch deep. Leave them there until the leaves have dried up, say about five or six months, and by that time they will have formed nice bulbs, which will bring large flower spikes the following winter.

Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., April 20, 1939.  
Richard Diener Nursery, Oxnard, California.

Gentlemen: In December I ordered some Pelargoniums from you which I received in March. They are now in bloom and so lovely that I feel I must have a few more to fill in a vacant spot in my garden. They are as beautiful as Azaleas and certainly much more adaptable.

Yours truly,  
MRS. HARRY V. WADE.  
\* \* \*

Guatemala City, Central America, January 18, 1937.  
Richard Diener Nursery, Oxnard, California.

Gentlemen: I enclose a mail money order for \$6.50—the order being \$6.25 and 25 cents postage.

I have from your nursery some Pelargoniums (the whole collection). It is just starting to bloom and I am delighted with it. Thanking you in advance, I am,

Yours very truly,  
ELISA Y DE HERRERA.  
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Detroit, Michigan, March 22, 1938.  
Richard Diener Nursery, Oxnard, California.

Gentlemen: I thoroughly enjoy raising your seeds and the Petunias are unbeatable. I have several plants from last year's Shastas (Giant Doubles) and also Amaryllis plants from which we expect some thrills in our neighbourhood.

I may also say that your delivery is marvelous for distance. For the few years that I have bought your seed I can count the days and reach forth my hand to the mail man on the morning of the tenth day without disappointment.

Yours truly,  
WILLIAM P. PATERSON.  
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Newark, New Jersey, August 27, 1938.  
Richard Diener Nursery, Oxnard, California.

Gentlemen: I am writing you to tell you I never saw nicer Single Ruffled Petunias or larger Pansies than those I have growing here from seeds purchased from you this year.

Flower growers may think your prices are a little high, but the fertility of all your seeds and the most beautiful flowers they produce cannot be surpassed by any others, and in the long run your seeds are much cheaper than other seedmen's seeds.

I shall hereafter get my various kinds of seed from the Richard Diener Nursery. I planted 1 small packet of your Shasta Daisy, G. Marconi, and I believe every seed came up and I have lovely plants from them now which will make large plants next year. I want to thank you for sending me such good quality seed.

Yours truly,  
JOE KUNKEL.





## DAHLIA SEEDS

For years we have raised the finest dahlia seeds that can be produced and many of the new varieties that are on the market now came from our seeds. We have given up the dahlia bulb sales as the demand has been so low. In the future we will list only the seeds of the fancy varieties.

Every seedling raised from these seeds is new and different as they never come the same as the parent plant, and if you have anything outstanding you may make a named variety out of it. However, in such a case one should raise the seedling three years and it must be faultless in every way. Everyone has some space where fifty to a hundred dahlia plants may be grown, and if you want some real fun watch a bunch of high-class dahlia seedlings coming into flower. One must have only the best seeds as there is a great quantity of trash on the market which brings mostly singles. Dahlia seedlings will flower a month earlier than from bulbs. Plant the seedlings at least three feet apart in both directions. In locations where heavy storms prevail place a three-foot stake at each seedling at time of planting.

We do not raise any cut flowers in dahlias; everything is grown for seeds only.

Seeds of the Chrysanthemum type are much thinner than the others and do not come as fast as the other types, so give them time, just keep the seed pans in a warm location as every seed of all varieties are hand selected. Every kernel will grow if handled right.

## CHRYSANTHEMUM DAHLIA SEED (Mixed)

The Chrysanthemum Dahlia is one of the greatest achievements in Dahlias. The flowers are very large, curled and twisted, like Chrysanthemums, on stiff, wiry stems and the colors are the finest brought out yet. It is the best keeper for cut flowers. It took years to perfect this type.

Seeds from the Finest Selected, Separately Grown:

25 seeds 75c	50 seeds \$1.50	100 seeds \$3.00
1000 seeds \$15.00		

## DIENER'S GIANT DOUBLE HYBRID DAHLIAS

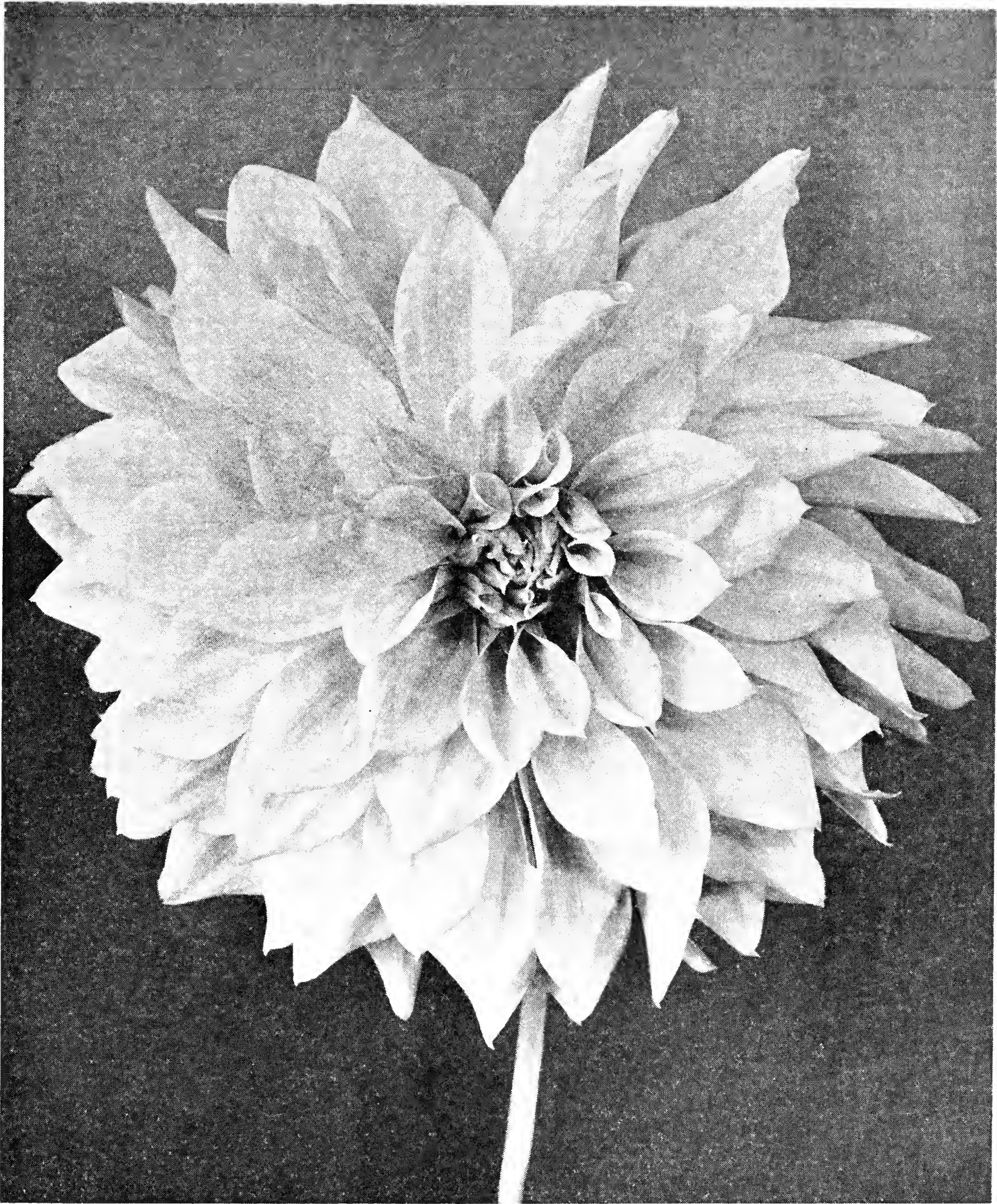
This mixture contains only the largest and most perfect Dahlias the world has ever seen. The most gorgeous colors on fine, long, wiry stems. They are the highest-bred Dahlias in existence at this time, as you will agree when you see them in flower. This is confirmed by testimonials from everywhere.

25 seeds 75c	50 seeds \$1.50	100 seeds \$3.00
1000 seeds \$15.00		

**CACTUS DAHLIA SEEDS (Mixed).**—This is a mixture of many very fine Cactus Dahlias.

25 seeds 25c	50 seeds 50c	100 seeds \$1.00
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**SNOW-WHITE DAHLIAS (All Types Mixed).**—This is a mixture of all types of snow-white Dahlias, most of large size, some measuring over a foot in diameter on perfect wire-like, but graceful stems. Very free flowering. Nothing to compare with this mixture.

25 seeds 50c      50 seeds \$1.00      100 seeds \$2.00

**MINIATURE DAHLIAS.**—A new type of very dwarf dahlias in all colors; many of cactus type, three to four inches in diameter and from two to three feet tall. They are greatly free flowering and fine for cut flowers as they are good keepers. Double.

25 seeds 50c      50 seeds \$1.00      100 seeds \$2.00  
1000 seeds \$10.00



## THE FANTASY DAHLIAS

This new type Dahlia is one of our own creations, Mr. Diener having worked on this new type Dahlia for ten years. They come in every color imaginable and each plant brings flowers of a different color, but each petal of the flowers has a white stripe running full length of the petal with the sides of the petals being colored. Seedlings flower from 2½ to 3 months after sowing. If you are a fancier of Dahlias, you will agree with us that they are something outstanding and beautiful.

Trade packet 25c      6 packets \$1.00

**POMPON DAHLIA.**—Pompons are great favorites everywhere for cut flowers and for bedding. Flowers from our strain run from one to three inches in diameter and the blooms have a great range of colors. They are good keepers and are valuable for table decorations, being popularly used in great quantities by cafeterias and restaurants and roadstands.

25 seeds 25c      50 seeds 50c      100 seeds \$1.00  
1000 seeds \$5.00

**FANCY SELECTED DAHLIAS.**—Of all large flowering types, including Chrysanthemum Dahlia.

25 seeds \$1.00      50 seeds \$2.00      100 seeds \$4.00  
1000 seeds \$20.00

### DIRECTIONS FOR SOWING DAHLIA SEEDS

Sandy leaf mould or any good garden soil should be used. Use a box or pan to sow the seeds into. Fill the receptacle 3 inches with soil. Smooth the surface over with a smooth board, then sprinkle seed over the soil and press into the ground. The seeds should be very lightly covered with the soil, in fact, it should be shaken over the seeds with a fine sieve. Put the seeds in a warm, moist place and see that the soil is not permitted to become dry.

Glass may be put over the flats to preserve the moisture. In this case, if the sun shines on them, they should be protected by a single sheet of paper over the glass. Otherwise, too great a heat will develop between glass and soil. Remove the paper at night and in dark weather.

It will be three months before all the seeds are up, which is natural with Dahlias. Some seeds come up in four days, while others take months. When they are up, take them out of the seed box inside of three days. To do this without interfering with the other seeds, use a sharp-pointed stick and drive it down into the soil next to each seedling and lift same up. Put each plant in a 3-inch pot; they can be kept back for two or three months or until ready to go into the open. Plant in the full sun and stake early.

Every seed is hand picked and will grow if handled correctly.

## NEW CYNOGLOSSUM AMABILIS, IMPROVED

"Chinese Forget-me-not"

Trade pkg. 25c      6 pkgs. \$1.00

Fort Worth, Tex., May 17, 1939.

Richard Diener Nursery, Oxnard, California.

Dear Sirs: I am enclosing a money order for the following seed. I would like to mention that I have received 100 per cent germination on my Double Everflowering Shasta Daisy seed purchased from you recently.

Yours truly,  
S. P. KELLY.



POMPON DAHLIA

## WATSONIA SEED, MIXED

Watsonias are related to the Gladiolus, only much taller and more profuse in flower. They flower in February and March and cannot be raised outdoors where it snows or freezes hard, only in the semi-tropical zone or in greenhouses. They are excellent as cut flowers. Ours are the most up-to-date hybrids and come in all shades such as Gladiolus, except blue and yellow. The flowers are about three inches in diameter. Sow out like Gladiolus seeds.

Sample pkg. 50c      Trade pkg. \$1.00  
(Larger amounts on request)

## WATSONIA BULBS

Fancy mixed varieties.

1 dozen 75c      \$5.00 per 100  
Bulbs for delivery during August and September.

## LEPTOSYNE MARITIMA

(Sea Dahlia)

A Dahlia species growing wild along the ocean of Southern California, with yellow flowers like Marguerites. Flowers are single and three to four inches in diameter with eighteen-inch long stems. These seedlings flower when two months old, bringing an abundance of blooms. They should make fine cut flowers when under glass.

Package 15c      4 packages 50c

**MASTODON PANSIES**

**JUMBO MIXED** (New).—These Pansies will bring gigantic flowers without any special effort, measuring up to 4¼ inches in diameter. They have a wide range of colors in all shades of the rainbow.  
Pkg. 25c 1/32 oz. 85c 1/16 oz. \$1.25 1/8 oz. \$2.25  
1/4 oz. \$4.25 1/2 oz. \$8.25 1 oz. \$16.00

**SEA BLUE** (New).—The most beautiful shade of blue we have ever seen. Very large.  
Pkg. 25c 1/16 oz. 75c 1/8 oz. \$1.25 1/4 oz. \$2.50  
1/2 oz. \$4.75 1 oz. \$9.00

**MIRACLE MIXED**.—Finest types of our strains, latest novelties.  
Pkg. 25c 1/16 oz. 65c 1/8 oz. \$1.00 1/4 oz. \$2.00  
1/2 oz. \$3.75 1 oz. \$7.00

**MASTERPIECE MIXED**.—Long stems. Best for cut flowers.  
Pkg. 25c 1/16 oz. 85c 1/8 oz. \$1.50 1/4 oz. \$2.75  
1/2 oz. \$5.25 1 oz. \$10.00

**GREENHOUSE SPECIAL** or **Mastodon ACES MIXED**.—Fine market strain.  
Pkg. 25c 1/16 oz. 50c 1/8 oz. \$1.00 1/4 oz. \$1.50  
1/2 oz. \$2.75 1 oz. \$5.00

**GOLDEN GATE**.—A monster golden yellow.

**MLLE. IRENE**.—A henna red type, new to Pansies.

**ISABELLE**.—A ruffled bronze and yellow.

Price of each of the three above varieties:

Pkg. 25c 1/16 oz. 65c 1/8 oz. \$1.00 1/4 oz. \$2.00  
1/2 oz. \$3.75 1 oz. \$7.00

**PANAMA PACIFIC**.—A large yellow.

**PARISIAN YELLOW**.—A pure yellow.

**BRONZE**.—Very large. Many shades.

**BLACK**.—Nearly all jet black.

**GRAND DUKE MICHEL**.—The largest all-white Pansy.

**MADAME STEELE**.—Elks' purple; immense blooms; a perfect self.

**IMPROVED BEACONSFIELD**.—A fine bluish purple with a distinct lavender tinge.

**ADONIS**.—Light blue and lavender shades.

Price of each of the eight varieties named is:

Pkg. 25c 1/16 oz. 50c 1/8 oz. \$1.00 1/4 oz. \$1.75  
1/2 oz. \$2.75 1 oz. \$5.00

Other prices: Your choice of any of the above 17 varieties at:

5 packages, assorted colors.....\$1.00  
All 17 varieties (1 pkg. each)..... 4.00

**"400" MIXED**.—A super Swiss strain. Grand in size, form, color and substance. Huge jewels of velvet and red and gold, with variations of those colors, including shades entirely new.

Pkg. 25c 1/16 oz. 85c 1/8 oz. \$1.25 1/4 oz. \$2.50  
1/2 oz. \$4.75 1 oz. \$9.00

**PANSY SEED**

The foregoing list of Pansies is made up of some of the world's finest varieties and you may be sure of getting full satisfaction at a very reasonable price. If you have raised only the common kinds, try a few of the ones we offer here and you will be surprised at their size and wonderful colors.

**How to Sow Pansy Seeds:** Sow the seeds in a cold frame in light soil without any fertilizer. Cover the seeds very lightly with the same soil and keep moist. Shade the seed bed with cheesecloth or a muslin screen, and as soon as all the plants are up remove the screen. Or you may sow them in a large pot or seed pan. During the fall is the best time to sow Pansy seeds.



**FUCHSIA SEED**

(Lady's Ear-Drops)

Single and double mixed, from our own New Fuchsia Hybrids. They are mostly double and of largest size, with corollas differing in color from that of the sepals. They do best in shade and rich heavy soil. For pot plants and bedding.

Sow the seed in boxes or seed pans, in sandy leaf mould, cover to the thickness of the seed, cover the boxes or pans with glass and keep moist in a shady place. As soon as the young seedlings are up, transplant in 2½-inch pots and when well rooted put in 4- or 5-inch pots. When handled right seedlings will flower when 3 to 4 months old.

Packet (25 seeds) 50c 75 seeds \$1.00

**AQUILEGIA—COLUMBINE**

Long spurred, finest colors, mixed.  
Package 25c

**GERANIUM SEEDS**

(From our new Hybrids)

We have a great many new hybrids which will be put on the market later. The flowers are twice and more in size than the varieties now. The clusters are much larger as well. The colors are mostly flame red. There won't be two alike and every one is new.

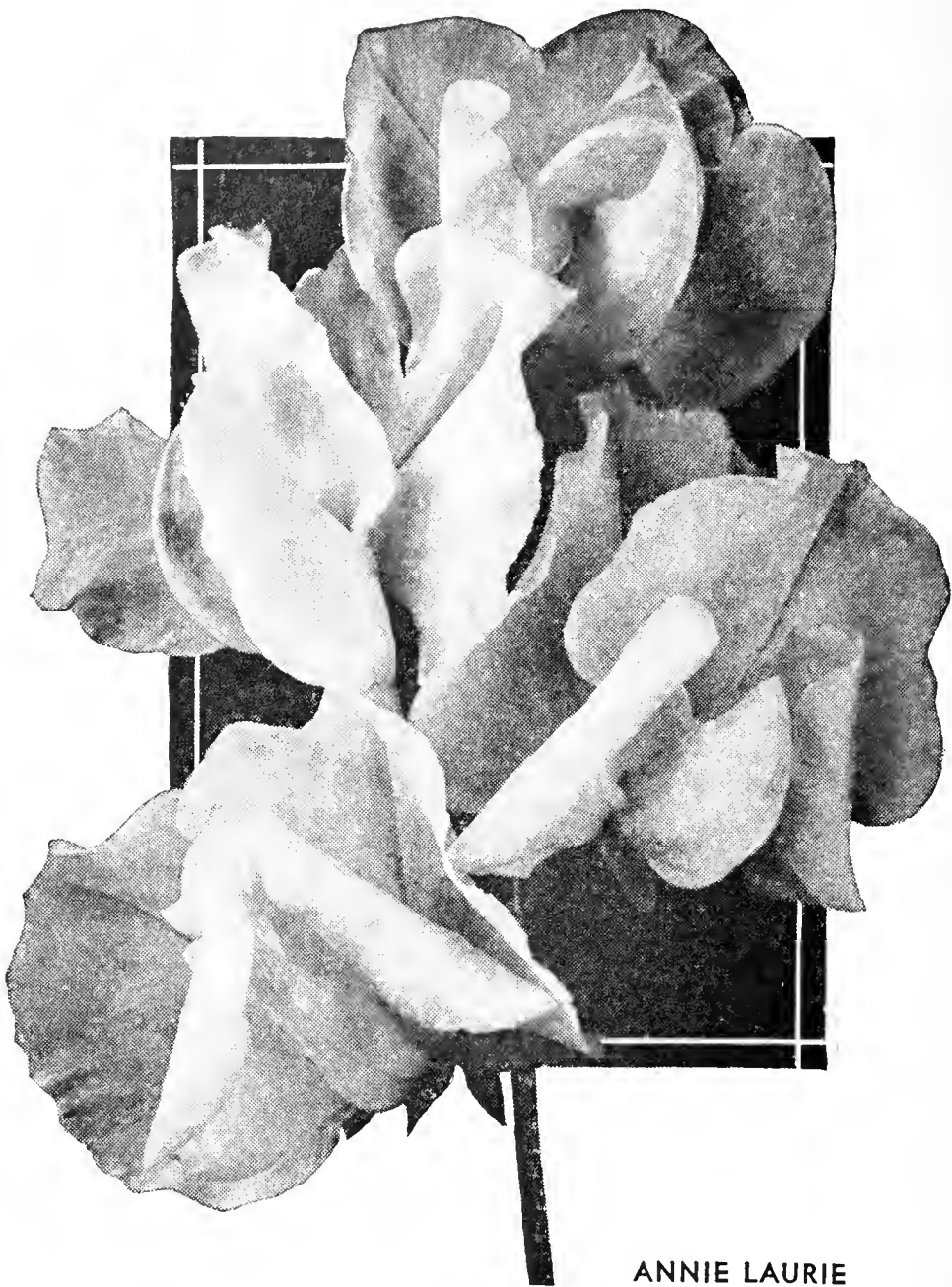
Package 50c 6 packages \$2.00  
1 oz. (about 3600 seeds) \$25.00

**SWEET PEAS**

(Early or Winter-Flowering)

	Per Pkg.
<b>ANNIE LAURIE.</b> —Pure rose pink, large flowers. .	\$ .25
<b>BURPEE'S SALMON.</b> —Beautiful rich salmon, large blooms. Vines bloom profusely. (35 seeds) . . . . .	.25      3 packets . . . . . .65
<b>BURPEE'S ORANGE.</b> —Bright orange, large flowers and extremely popular. . . . .	.25
<b>SNOWSTORM IMPROVED.</b> —Unusually large white flowers. Long, strong stems. . . . .	.25
<b>BURPEE'S LAVENDER.</b> —Lovely light Wisteria-lavender. An appealing rich yet soft tone, large flowers . . . . .	.25
<b>BLUE JACKET.</b> —Rich, dark navy blue. Large, elegantly waved blooms. . . . .	.25
<b>FELICE GUNTHER.</b> —Clear, true Cambridge-blue. Long stems and vigorous growth. (35 seeds) . . . . .	.25      3 packets . . . . . .65
<b>MAROON PRINCE.</b> —Deep reddish maroon. Large flowering, long stemmed, free blooming . . . . .	.25
<b>FIRE KING.</b> —Brilliant fire-red. An unusually rich color and large flowers. . . . .	.25
<b>ORIENTAL.</b> —Pleasing true cream color on long, strong stems . . . . .	.25
<b>CANARY BIRD.</b> —Cream or primrose. Large flowers of fine form and elegantly placed. . .	.25
<b>GRENADIER.</b> —An outstanding Sweet Pea on account of its rich color, brilliant Poppy-scarlet. Spikes are elegant and long stemmed. Always in demand . . . . .	.25
Above Sweet Pea seeds in separate colors—per ounce, \$1.00.	
<b>LADY RUFFLES IMPROVED.</b> —Beautiful soft pink on white ground. Winner of gold medal of Scottish National Sweet Pea Society. . . .	.25
<b>BURPEE BLUE (Ruffled).</b> —Distinct deep blue, bright and clear; uniform throughout. Flowers are large, beautifully waved, heavily ruffled and duplexed. Long stems. Vigorous; free blooming . . . . .	.25
<b>ABUNDANCE (Multiflora).</b> —A most appropriate name for this “many flowered” Sweet Pea—six flowers to the stem is the rule, but seven and eight are not uncommon. The color is a deep mauve . . . . .	.25
<b>FINEST MIXTURE.</b> —This includes the many named varieties of early flowering Sweet Peas. The different colors are properly blended to produce a most harmonious and pleasing effect . . . . .	.25
<b>MIXTURE.</b> Per ounce 75c      Per pound \$10.00	

**Directions for Sowing:** In order to get best results with Sweet Peas they should be soaked in water from eight to ten hours and then plant them immediately. When the plants are up place a wire netting directly behind them, about four or five feet tall, and train them over this. The seeds should be planted very shallow.



ANNIE LAURIE

**RUST-PROOF SNAPDRAGONS**

1935 Novelty  
("All Colors Mixed")

Snapdragons have been badly affected by rust which has killed the plants and made them unsightly. For the past several years several growers have worked on them for rust-resisting qualities and the ones we offer here are fairly rust-proof, that is, 75 per cent.

Package 25c                      6 packages \$1.00

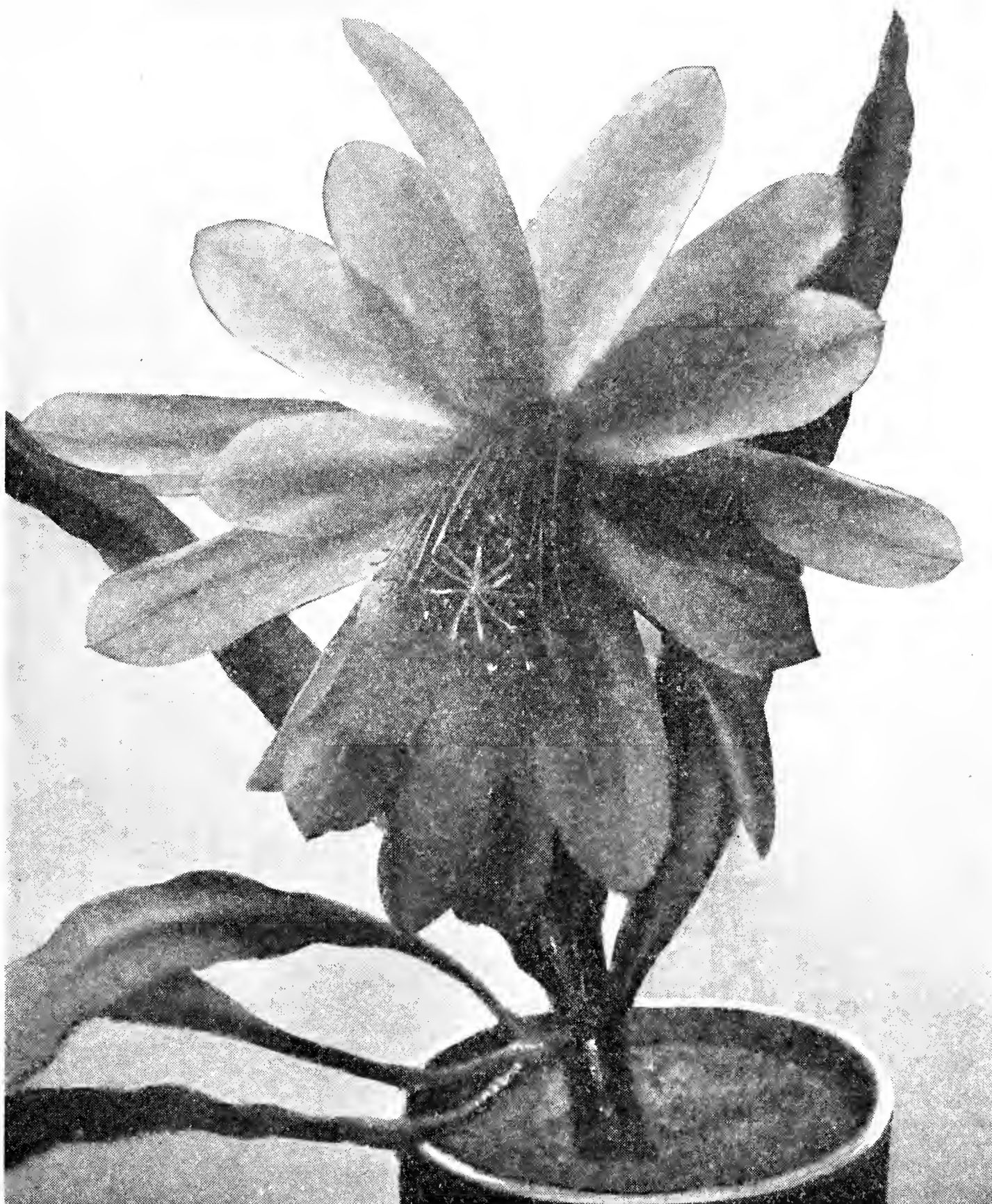
**THALICTRUM DIPTEROCARPUM**

A hardy perennial from China. Grows four to five feet tall, making very graceful plumes of rosy purple and conspicuous yellow anthers. Unexcelled as a cut flower as well as for bedding.

Trade pkg. 25c      6 pkgs. \$1.00      ½ oz. \$1.75  
1 oz. \$3.50

Houston, Texas, December 10, 1937.  
Richard Diener Nursery, Oxnard, California.  
Gentlemen: I think every seed I got from you two months ago came up, and they sure are lovely plants. I never saw such fine Snapdragon plants. You would want them yourself if you could only see them.  
Yours truly,  
BRUEGMAN FLORIST.





CONWAY GIANT

**PHYLLO CACTUS, MAMMOTH FLOWERING THORNLESS**

These giant flowering Cacti are some of the easiest plants to raise in the windows. They like leaf mould soil mixed with a little white sand and Vigoro fertilizer. They should be watered only when the soil in the pot becomes dry. They flower mostly in the spring. The kinds offered here are the finest to be had. A great many crosses have been made and we have many thousands of seedlings, some of them have come into flower for the first time this season. A few of the most outstanding ones will be selected and offered in our catalog next year.

- No. 1. **EPIPHYLLUM CRENATUM**. — White,  
large .....\$ .25
- No. 2. **CONWAY GIANT**.—Bright red with  
purple center, 10 to 12 inches in diameter.... .25

- No. 3. **EPIPHYLLUM ALBUM SUPERPUM**.—  
Large, white .....\$ .50
- No. 4. **GLORIA**.—Bright red, very broad petals,  
10 to 12 inches in diameter..... .25
- No. 5. **ARGUS**.—Salmon pink, 9 inches in  
diameter ..... .25
- No. 6. **ADONIS**.—Large, pink ..... .50
- No. 7. **MAGENTA**.—Rodamine purple, 9 inches  
in diameter ..... .25

All plants out of 3-inch pots  
Collection of the above varieties, \$2.00

No bulb or plant orders filled for less than \$1.00. Ship-  
ment will be made by Railway Express Agency, charges  
"Collect."

## PETUNIA SEEDS

Petunias are still one of our greatest specialties, and we spare no trouble or expense to give our customers the finest seeds possible. This year we have had very favorable weather which has made it possible for us to produce a finer crop of seeds of higher quality than we have been able to do in the last couple of years. Our new variety "Santa Barbara" is a giant Pink Gloria and has made a decided hit with everyone visiting our gardens. And we are sure that you will agree that it is a variety of outstanding merit, once you have seen it.

This year we had 120,000 plants in three-inch pots. This is an expensive method of handling, but insures a higher quality of seed. Some people are under the impression that every single seed should be true to description. The Petunia occasionally has the habit of reverting to the original type so that now and then a small purplish flower will be produced. Those reverting to the old type are usually the first to bloom. Let all the young plants come up before discarding them and you will find that the majority will be as described.

Petunia seeds, when sent to the Gulf States, Florida and States near the ocean, where warm, moist salt air is prevalent, should be sowed out soon after their arrival, as the seeds will soon lose their germinating quality in this atmosphere. This is the cause of many seed failures.

**DIENER'S PETUNIA SEED:** All of our varieties, single and double mixed:

Trade Pkg. 50c      Sample Pkg. 25c      1/64 oz. \$1.75  
1/32 oz. \$3.50

## PRICES FOR PETUNIA SEEDS IN QUANTITY

**Note:** Separate colors of each of the following numbers are sold in quantity as follows:

**RUFFLED MONSTERS (Single):** Numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 15, 20, 41, 45, 46:

1/64 oz. \$2.50      1/32 oz. \$4.00  
1/16 oz. \$8.00      1/8 oz. \$15.00

**SMALL FLOWERING VARIETIES:** Numbers 11, 14, 17, 21, 22, 23, 30:

1/32 oz. \$3.00      1/16 oz. \$6.00      1/8 oz. \$12.00

**DOUBLE VARIETIES:** Numbers 38, 42, 44:

1/64 oz. \$5.00      1/32 oz. \$10.00      1/16 oz. \$20.00

**Note:** The varieties that are not listed above will not be sold in quantity this year.

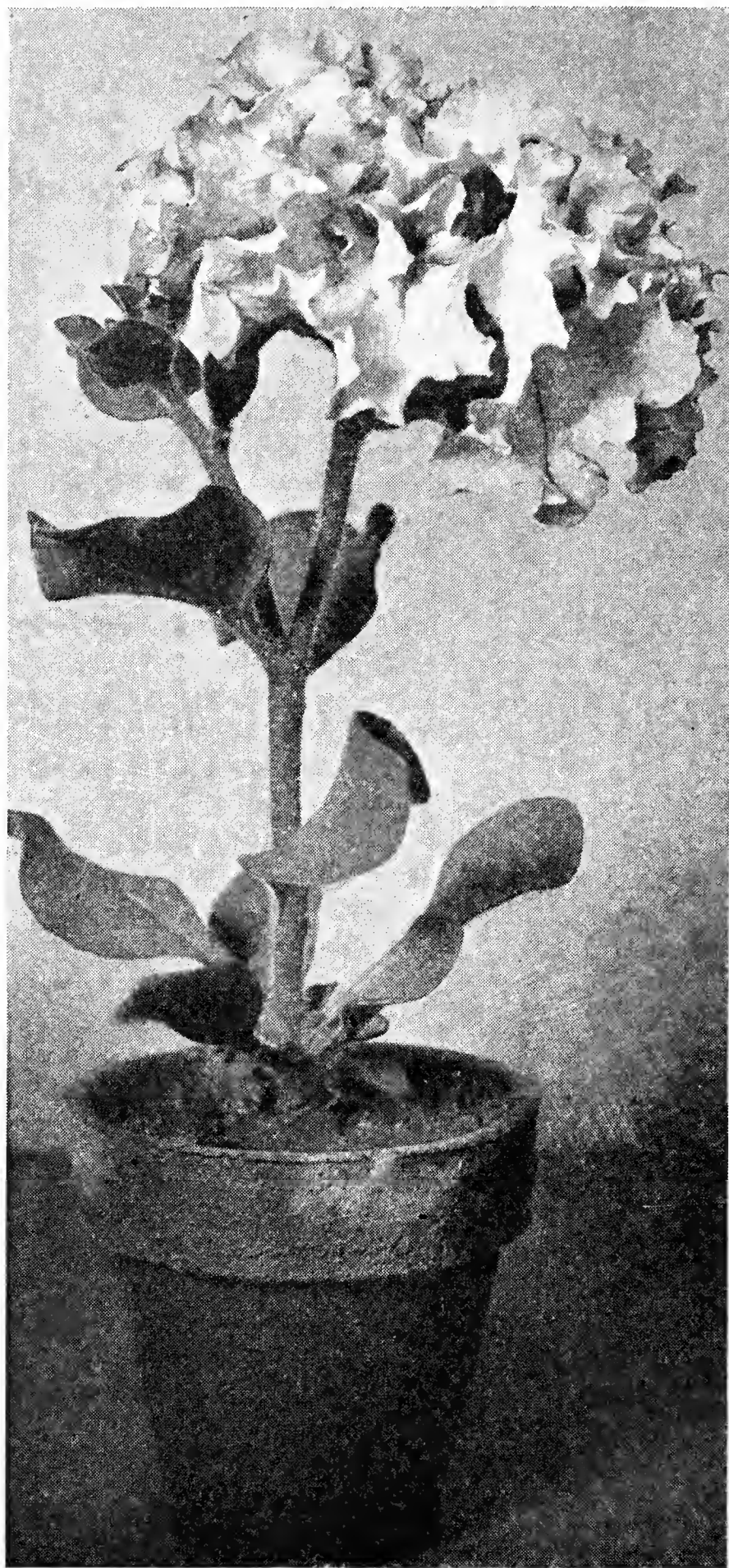
(Larger amounts on request.)

Hilo, Hawaii, Feb. 6, 1939.

Richard Diener Nursery, Oxnard, California.

Dear Sirs: The seeds you sent me earlier this year are doing splendidly. Was surprised at the wonderful germination of all the Petunia seeds; the double ruffled variety in particular. The double Gerbera and garnet variety have also come up better than I dared to hope. I knew the Geranium seeds would germinate successfully as I have had good luck with them before, but never expected the Petunia and Gerbera seeds to come up as they did. Your seeds must be well selected and very fresh.

Sincerely,  
S. KADOTA.



No. 42. IN 3-INCH POTS

Douglaston, N. Y., Feb. 15, 1939.

Richard Diener Nursery, Oxnard, California.

Dear Sirs: I never had finer Petunias than two years ago when I bought my seeds from you; they won three Blue Ribbons in one year in different flower shows.

Last year I didn't send "Way to California" for seeds, but planted some I'd saved, but I found it doesn't pay. The flowers were not nearly as large; so in the future I shall always have Diener's Petunias. Sincerely,

MRS. INNIS BROWN.

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Georgetown, Ill., Dec. 8, 1938.

Richard Diener Nursery, Oxnard, California.

Gentlemen: Enclosed please find our seed order which you will please ship out at once as we want the fancy Petunia seed to sow immediately. Your Petunia strain certainly surpasses anything we have been able to get, and we have all seed houses available.

Yours very truly,  
BURGOYNES' FLOWER SHOP,  
P. J. Burgoyne.



	Trade Pkg.	Sample Pkg.		Trade Pkg.	Sample Pkg.
<b>No. 45. SANTA BARBARA, Single.</b> — Clean flame rose without a trace of purple. Very large flowers and con- tinually in bloom. It is a first-class pot and bedding variety. This being a new variety will perhaps come about 60% true, but all others will be fine stock..\$ .50 6 packets \$2.50.			<b>No. 7. RED AND WHITE VARIEGATED</b> (Ruffled Monster).—Large golden yellow center. Flowers four to five inches in diameter. One of the most admired of our collection of Petunias and very true to type. Try it.....\$ .50		\$ .25
<b>No. 1. PINK (Ruffled Monster).</b> — Strong veined center. Flowers 6 to 8 inches in diameter, and of exquisite color combination. This variety is without doubt one of the largest and most wonderful varieties in exist- ence ..... .50	.50	\$ .25	<b>No. 8. RUFFLED MONSTERS (Mixed).</b> —This mixture contains all Ruffled Monsters mentioned above, as well as many other colors, new this year. The average growth of the plant is more dwarf and if you want only a small amount of Petunias in your garden this is what you should order..	.50	.25
<b>No. 2. FLESH PINK (Ruffled Mon- ster).</b> —Five to six inches in diameter. Heavy veined center. A new color in Ruffled Monsters ..... .50	.50	.25	<b>No. 9. PEARL OF KENTFIELD.</b> —Flesh Pink Frilled with golden yellow center. Four-inch flowers, dwarf grow- ing. This is a specially fine variety for four to five inch pots or window boxes. (The variety Theodosia is the same. Introducer of Theodosia did not know of the existence of Pearl of Kentfield, originated by Mr. Diener five years before.)..... .50	.50	.25
<b>No. 3. VARIEGATED (Ruffled Monster).</b> —Colors appear in red and white checks and blotches. Also striped pink and white, copper red and white. Five to six inches in diameter..... .50	.50	.25	<b>No. 10. SALMON ROSE (Ruffled Mon- ster).</b> —Light veined center, five to six inches in diameter. (1934 novelty.) A very beautiful Petunia..... .50	.50	.25
<b>No. 4. WHITE WITH YELLOW CENTER</b> (Ruffled Monster) ..... .50	.50	.25	<b>No. 11. DIENER'S BLUE.</b> —We especially recommend this variety. It is of semi- dwarf growth and immensely free flowering. Flowers average three to three and one-half inches. The color is a deep, silky blue and is one of the most favored varieties..... .25	.25	.10
<b>No. 5. RED, DARK VEINED WITH COAL BLACK CENTER (Ruffled Monster).</b> — Six to eight inches in diameter. This is a gem in Petunias and is a great favorite with all flower lovers. Be sure to try a package..... .50	.50	.25			
<b>No. 6. PALE LILAC PINK (Ruffled Monster).</b> —Heavily ruffled with strongly veined center. Flowers four to five inches in diameter..... .50	.50	.25			



DIENER'S RUFFLED MONSTER PETUNIAS IN 3-INCH POTS. TWELVE WEEKS AFTER SOWING.



NO. 42. LARGE DOUBLE FRILLED, IN 3-INCH POTS, TWELVE WEEKS AFTER SOWING

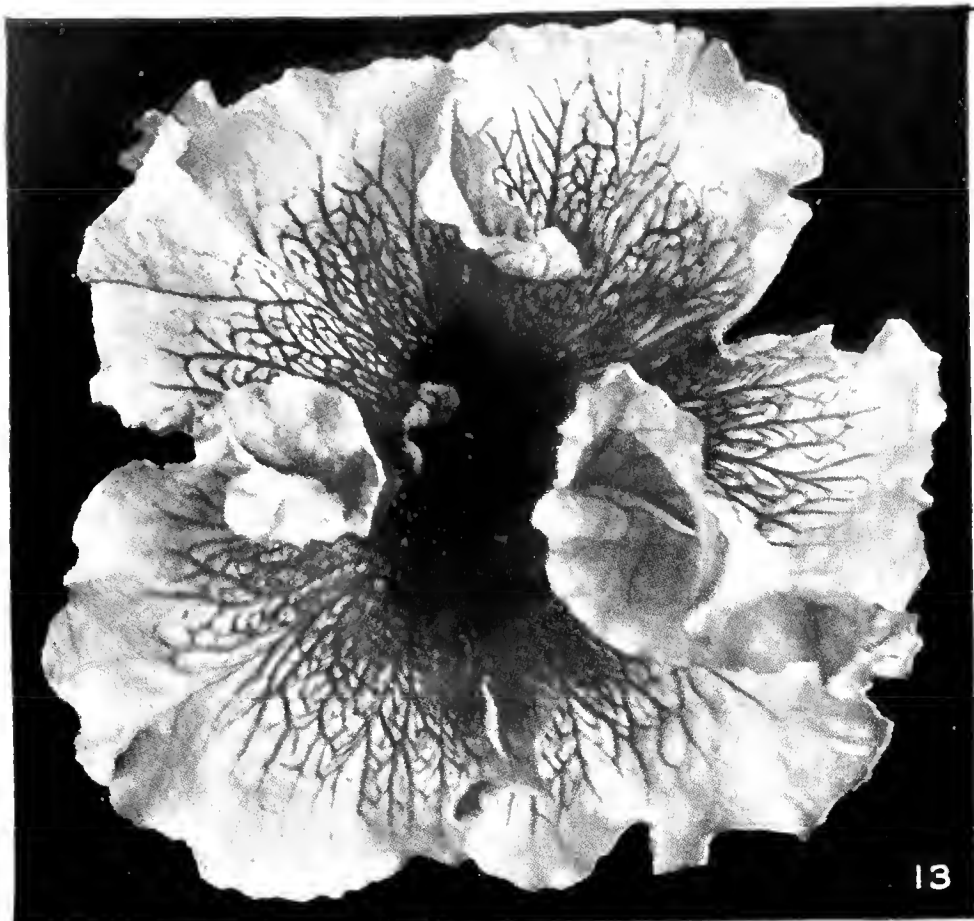
	Trade Pkg.	Sample Pkg.		Trade Pkg.	Sample Pkg.
No. 12. COPPERY PINK and WHITE VARIEGATED (Ruffled Monster) with golden yellow center. Flowers 5 to 6 inches in diameter.....	\$ .50	\$ .25	No. 21. STEEL BLUE.—Darker veined center with ruffled edges. About four inches across and comes 90 per cent true. One of the easiest sellers in 2½ to 3-inch pots.....	\$ .25	\$ .10
No. 13. HELIOTROPE (For description of this variety see the color reproduction on the center pages of this catalog)....	.50	.25	No. 22. ROSE COLOR.—An improved Rosy Morn. Very showy and striking. Wonderful for massing in beds or borders. Very free blooming. Plants of dwarf growth, reaching a height of six to seven inches. Flowers two inches in diameter.....	.25	.10
No. 14. DIENER'S PINK GLORY.—Pure flame rose pink, without a trace of purple. Flowers three to four inches in diameter, and slightly ruffled. Plants attain a height of 12 to 14 inches. On the order of Rosy Morn. A very compact grower and is con- tinually covered with flowers.....	.25	.10	No. 23. PALE AMARANTH PINK.—Like Rosy Morn, but lighter in color. Flow- ers single, averaging two inches across, of dwarf growth. Is used ex- tensively for bedding as it blooms profusely .....	.25	.10
No. 15. PURPLE AND WHITE.—Espe- cially adapted to window boxes or hanging baskets .....	.50	.25	No. 27. PINK PERFECTION (Single).— A beautiful new salmon pink. Flowers four inches, frilled. A ranky grower for boxes and baskets.....	.25	.10
No. 16. WHITE BEAUTY.—Single, heavily fringed, about four inches. Snow white, semi-dwarf.....	.25	.10	No. 30. FLAMING VELVET.—Brilliant velvety mahogany red, of medium size flowers. A very outstanding novelty .....	.25	.10
No. 17. PALE SULPHUR YELLOW.— Flowers single with heavily frilled edges .....	.25	.10	No. 41. COPPER RED (Ruffled Mon- ster).—Smoky center, five to six inches in diameter. After years of crossing we have removed all the bad habits that it had at first and it now is one of the most beautiful flowers in existence. It made a decided hit at the World's Fair at Chicago in 1934 and will be in great demand for some time to come.....	.50	.25
No. 19. GIANT PINK GLORY (For de- scription of this variety see the color re- production on the center pages of this catalog) .....	.50	.25			
No. 20. MAUVE (Ruffled Monster).— Center heavily veined with royal purple. One of our most exquisite and most popular varieties. Average flowers five inches across. Very fra- grant .....	.50	.25			





PETUNIAS  
(NO. 38 DOUBLE RUFFLED  
MONSTERS, MIXED)





No. 13. **HELIOTROPE** (Ruffled Monster).—A pinkish mauve. Five to six inches in diameter. Deeper veined center. Very fine.

Trade Package .....\$ .50  
Sample Package ..... .25

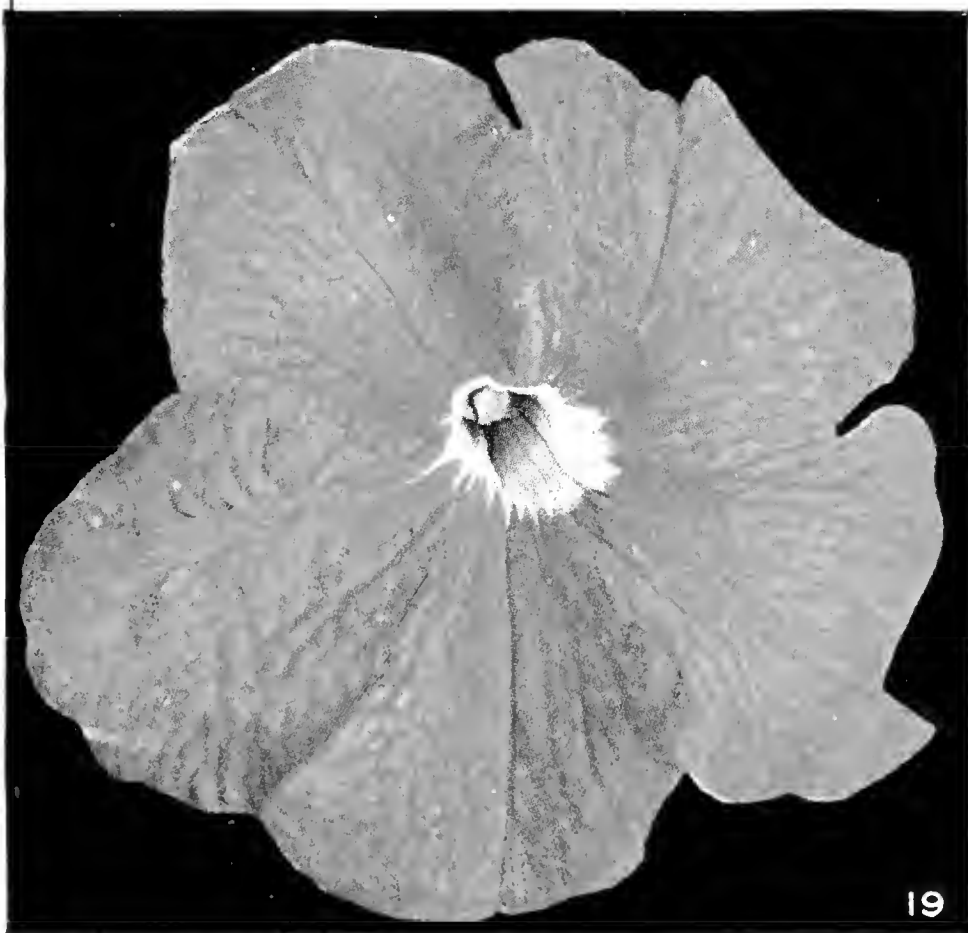
No. 46. **DEEP VELVETY VIOLET** (Single). Flowers of deep velvety violet, 4 to 5 inches in diameter. A Petunia for a first-class pot plant and an exceptionally fine bedding variety, being continually in bloom. This variety is truly one of the finest in its class.

Trade Package .....\$ .50  
Sample Package ..... .25



No. 19. **GIANT PINK GLORY**.—An improvement on Pink Glory. Same coloring as No. 14, but the blooms are twice the size and of more bushy growth. Exceptionally good for pot plants and window boxes. Also for massing in beds. It is one of the most showy varieties in existence.

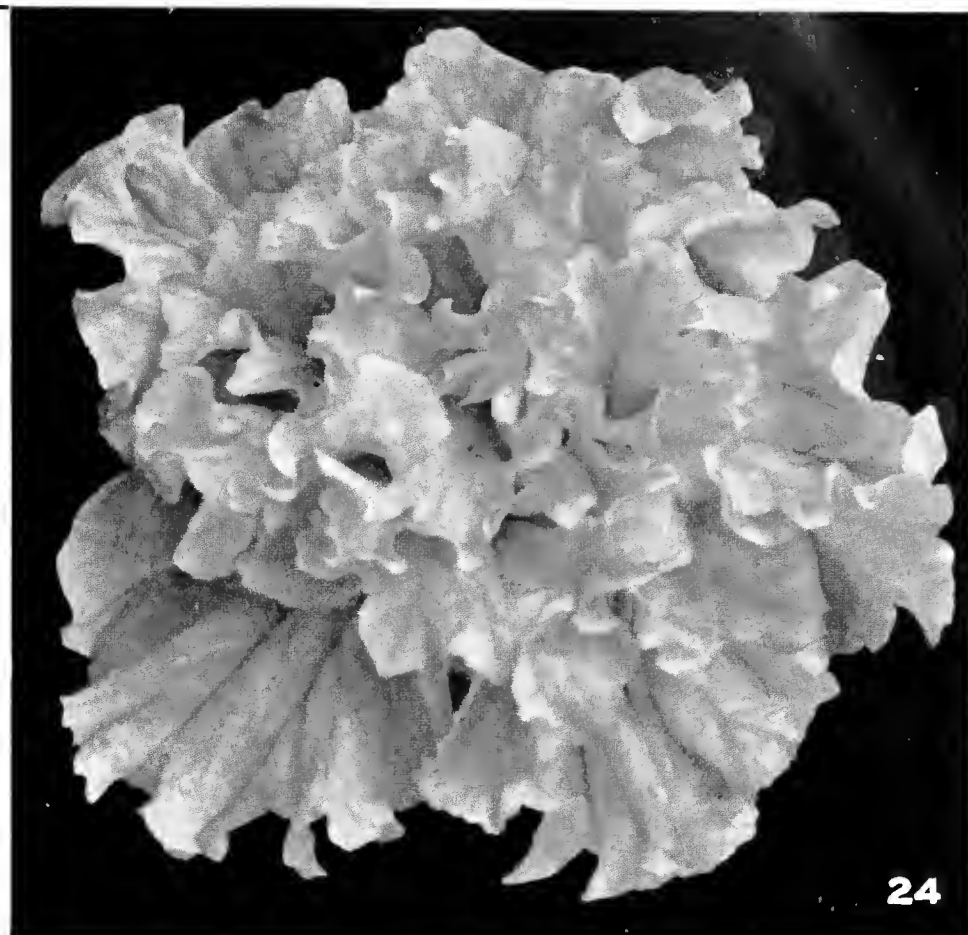
Trade Package .....\$ .50  
Sample Package ..... .25



**No. 24. SALMON DOUBLE.**—A new color in Petunias which has made a hit with every visitor at our gardens. We have been working on this color for several years to bring it to perfection. Four inches in diameter.

Trade Package ..... \$1.00

Sample Package ..... .50



**No. 26. GREEN EDGED DOUBLE.**—This type comes in all colors but all have a seam around the petals which is grass green. Mr. Diener worked on this variety for the last eight years to bring it to perfection, as it was at first somewhat weak. The Green Edged variety was a sensation at the World's Fair at Chicago in 1934. It will attract attention everywhere.

Trade Package ..... \$1.00

Sample Package ..... .50

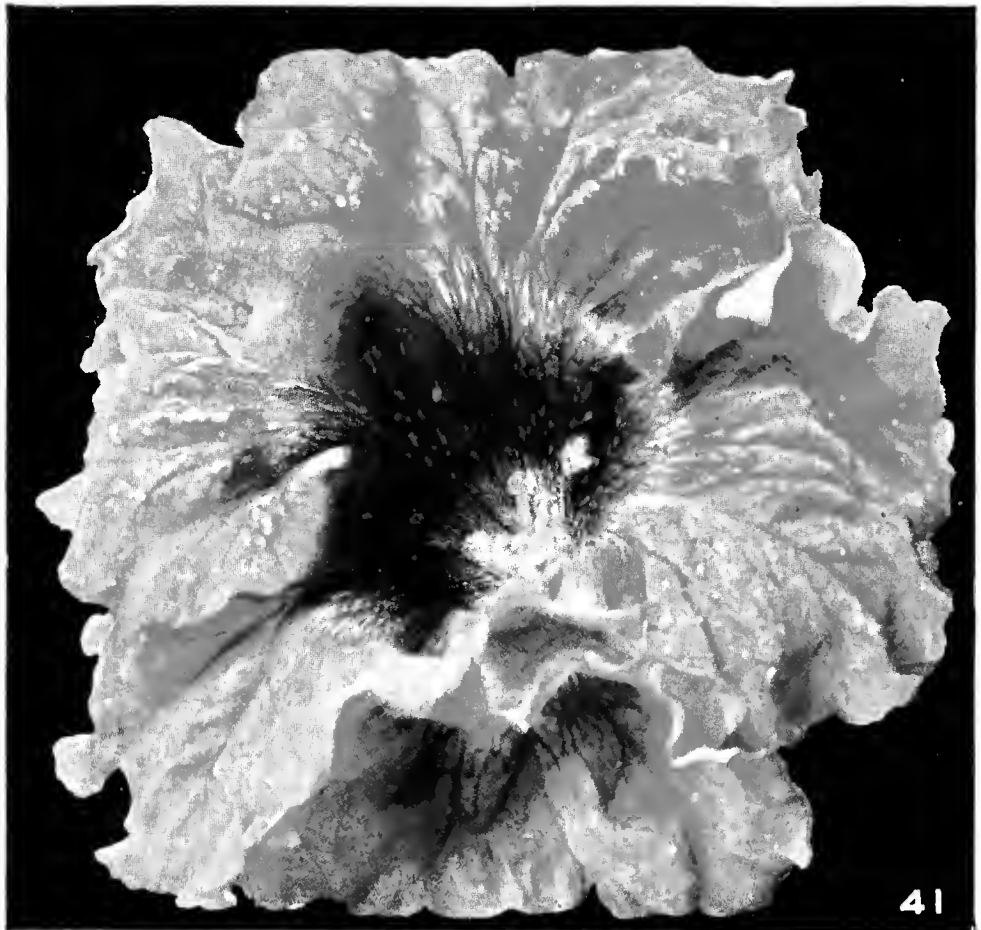
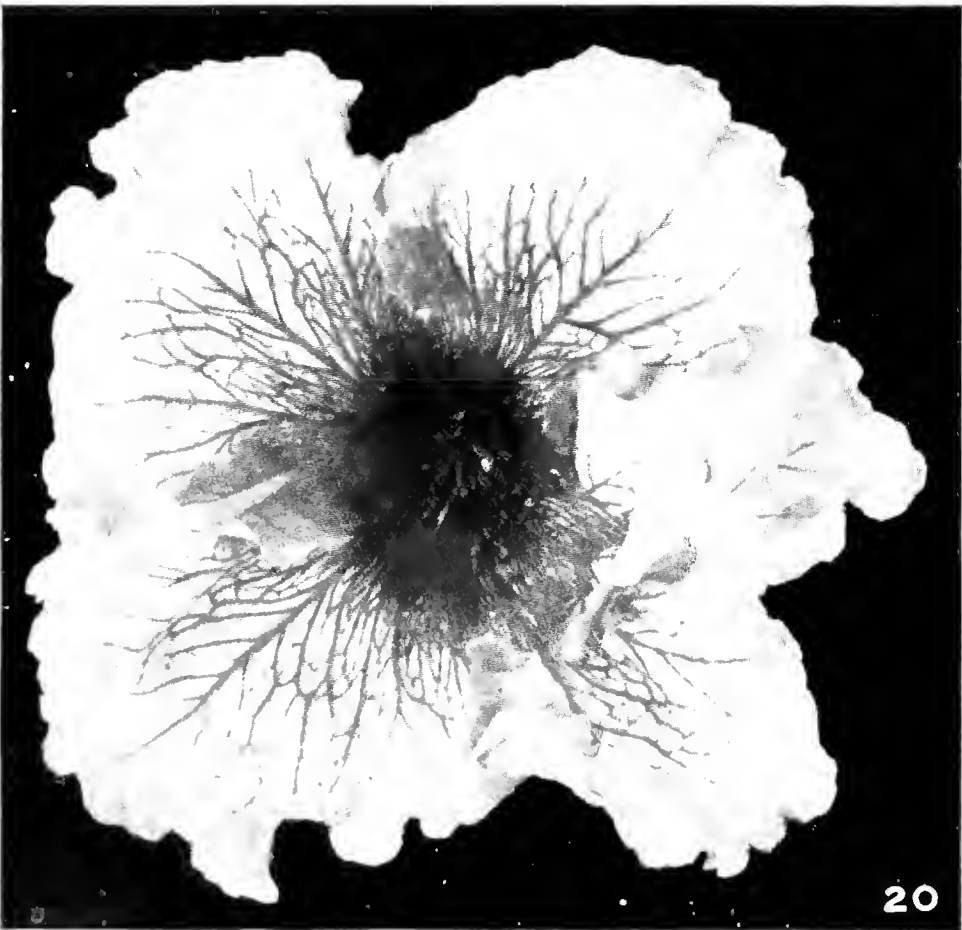
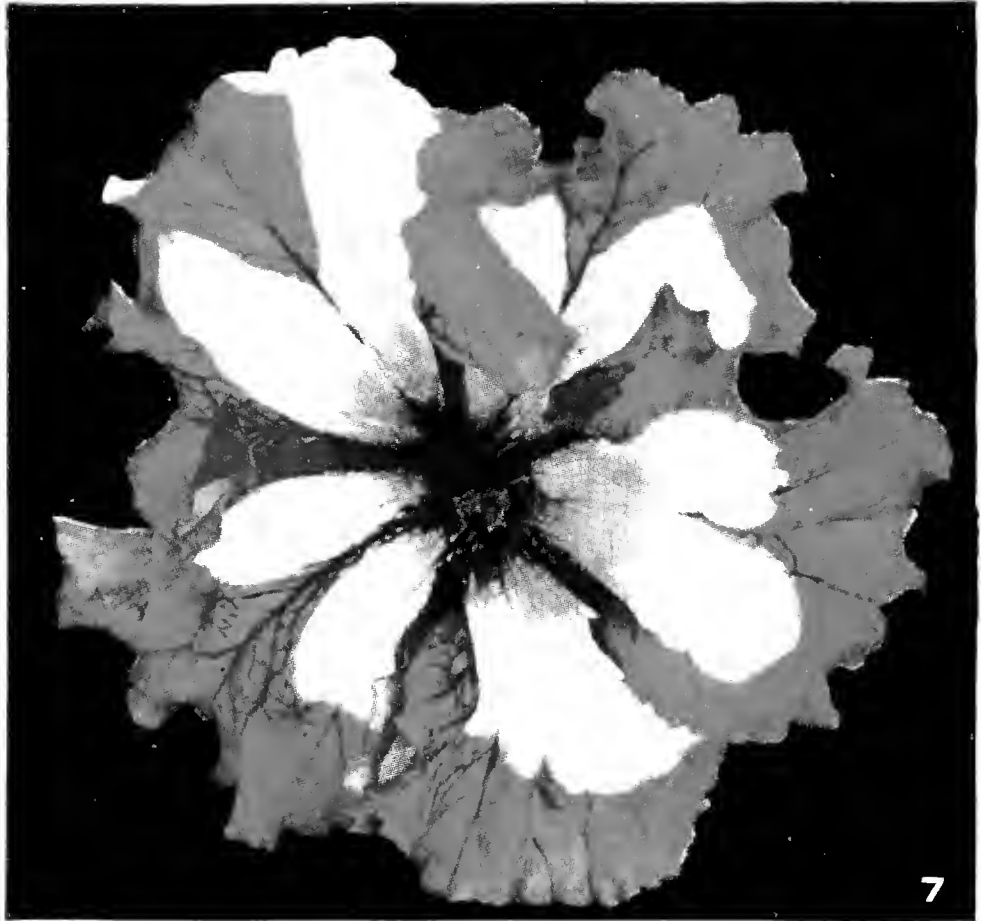
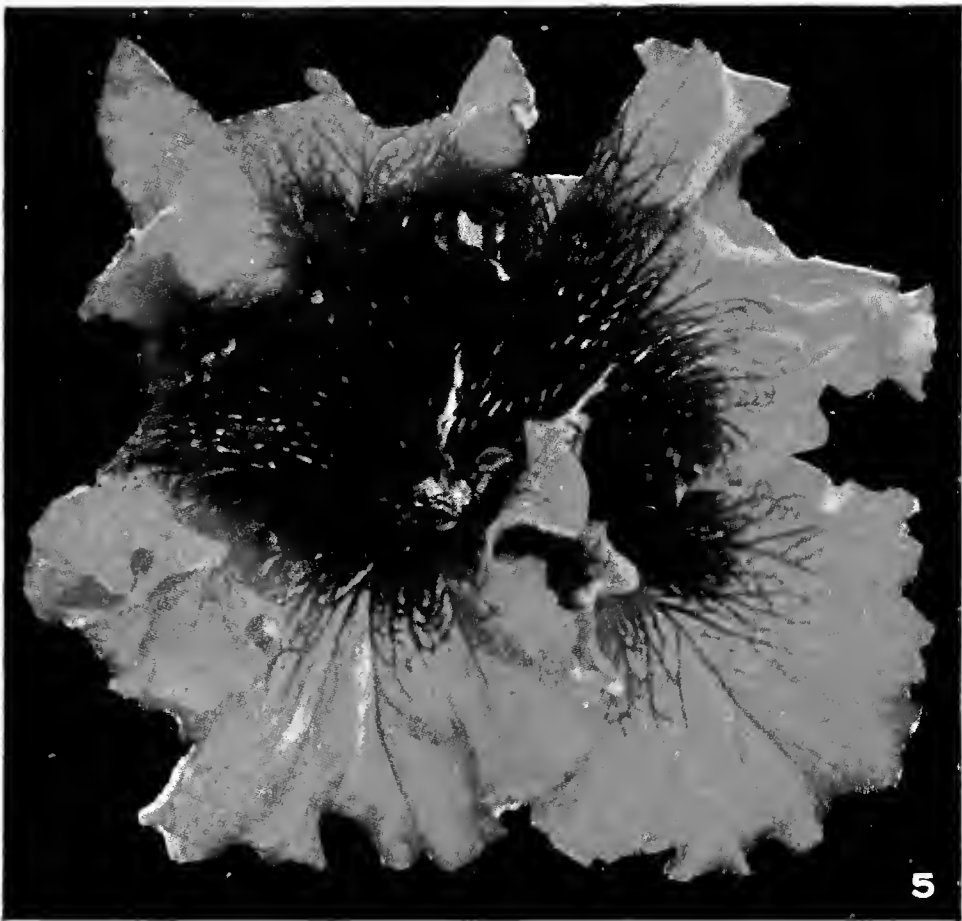
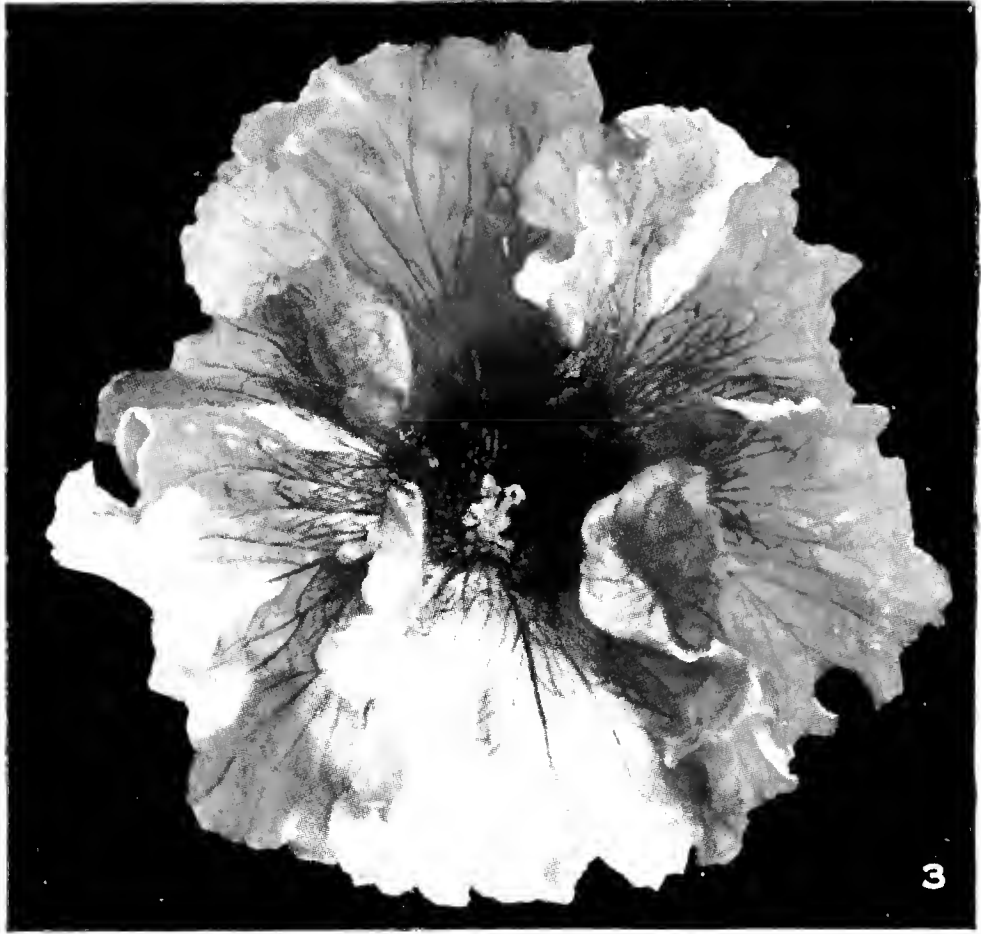
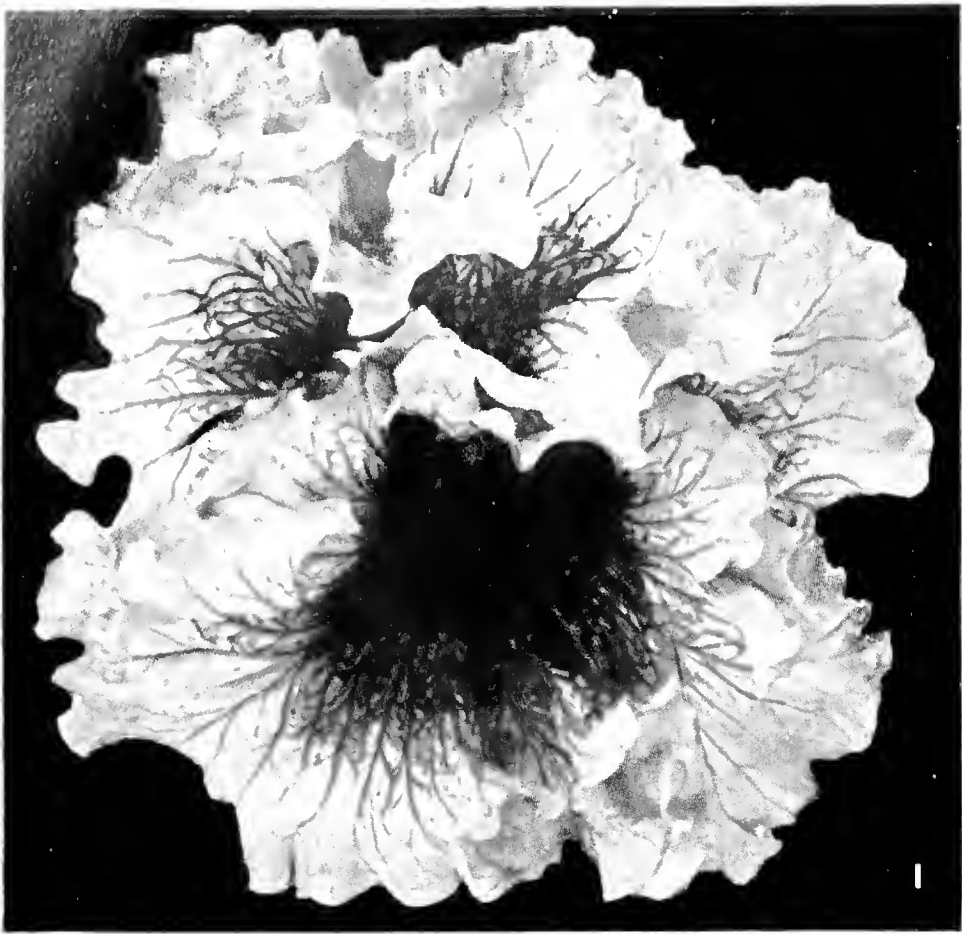
**No. 44. DOUBLE FRILLED ROSE PINK AND WHITE VARIEGATED.**—Of the fluffy ruffled type. Flowers four to five inches across. Of dwarf, compact growth and flowers sell at sight. It is the grandest combination of colors yet produced in Petunias.

Trade Package ..... \$1.00

Sample Package ..... .50







	Trade Pkg.	Sample Pkg.
No. 46. DEEP VELVETY VIOLET (For description of this variety see the color reproduction on the center pages of this catalog) .....	\$ .50	\$ .25
No. 47. JUMBO MIXTURE OF RUFFLED MONSTER PETUNIAS.—A selection of only the very largest and most outstanding colors of these giant Petunias .....	1.00	
(6 packages) .....	5.00	
No. 51. STEEL BLUE & WHITE VARIEGATED.—Edges of petals heavily ruffled. Four inches in size.....	.25	.10

**DOUBLE PETUNIAS**

**Note:** All of our double Petunia seeds are raised from double Petunias and so give the highest percentage of double seedlings. The slowest and poorest seedlings will turn out the best doubles.

	Trade Pkg.	Sample Pkg.
No. 24. SALMON DOUBLE (For description of this variety see the color reproduction on the center pages of this catalog) .....	\$ 1.00	\$ .50
No. 25. COPPER RED DOUBLE.—A fine new color which attracts immediate attention. About four inches in diameter .....	1.00	.50
No. 26. GREEN EDGED DOUBLE (For description of this variety see the color reproduction on the center pages of this catalog) .....	1.00	.50
No. 29. PURPLE DOUBLE.—Medium size .....	1.00	.50
No. 40. MADONNA.—Double frilled, snow white. About four inches in diameter. Semi-dwarf growth.....	1.00	.50
No. 38. DOUBLE RUFFLED MONSTERS MIXED.—This is a mixture of the same colors as the single Ruffled Monsters but double. The color reproduction on the center pages of this catalog will give an idea of the average flowers produced by this mixture. These have now reached perfection. After years of crossing and testing the size is enormous, reaching over nine inches in some instances. The percentage of doubles is very high. No matter what other varieties of double petunias there are on the market, including the 100% double from foreign countries, you will find by comparison that ours excel in growth, color and size, so buy American seeds and keep the money in this country.....	1.00	.50
1000 seeds .....	1.50	

No. 33. (Our 1937 Novelty) <b>DOUBLE DAINTY LADY</b> (Yellow).—Is of the same color as Dainty Lady Single, and is the first yellow double. We have produced double yellow Petunias by the thousands the last few years, and some were very yellow and large size, but they would not bring seed. This variety offered here is seed bearing. Seeds limited, no more than 2 trade packets to a customer .....	\$1.00	\$ .50
No. 42. <b>LARGE DOUBLE FRILLED MIXED</b> .—After years of crossing and selection this double strain stands highest today commercially. In 2½ and 3-inch pots they commence flowering when only three to four inches high. These pictures of plants in pots in our catalog are actually growing. If the soil is not rich enough, many of the flowers may appear almost single when raised in small pots, but when you see the same plants after being transplanted into the open, the flowers will be large and double. The amount of doubles is 75 per cent and the single types therefrom are all heavily frilled and eagerly sought by the public.....	1.00	.50
1000 seeds .....	1.50	
No. 43. <b>DOUBLE ROSE PINK FRILLED</b> .—A beautiful Petunia and a color which takes everyone's attention at once. Of the fluffy ruffled type with flowers four to five inches across.....	1.00	.50
No. 44. <b>DOUBLE FRILLED ROSE PINK AND WHITE VARIEGATED</b> (for description of this variety see the color reproduction on the center pages of this catalog) .....	1.00	.50
No. 48. <b>LA FRANCE PINK</b> .—Double Carnation flowered type. Strongly veined rose pink. Heavily frilled petals. Medium size. A beautiful Petunia .....	1.00	.50
No. 50. <b>DOUBLE DARK CRIMSON</b> .—Heavily fringed fluffy ruffles. About four inches in size. One of the darkest red double Petunias.....	1.00	.50
No. 53. <b>DOUBLE LAVENDER</b> .—Deeper lavender veined in center of petals. Edges of petals heavily ruffled. About four inches in size. A beautiful variety .....	1.00	.50

Taylorville, Ky., Jan. 10, 1939.  
Richard Diener Nursery, Oxnard, California.  
Gentlemen: I have been buying my Petunia seed from you for the last three years. They have been extra fine. I am sending you a small order herewith.  
Respectfully,  
J. C. McNEAL.

## SOWING OF PETUNIA SEEDS

Prepare a seed bed by taking leaf mould soil which has been mixed with some clean, white sand (use positively no fertilizer in this soil when sowing). Sift this through a fine sieve into seed pans and flats within two inches from the top. Fill the remaining two inches at the top of the receptacle with boiling water and let the water seep through the soil and let the soil then stand for a day. This will have killed all weed seeds, worms and fungi contained in the soil. Smooth over the surface of the soil, but do not pack, as Petunia seeds will not grow in soil which has been packed. After the surface is smooth, sprinkle with fresh, cold water so that the soil will settle evenly. Sow the seeds over the top. If you are in a dry atmosphere, sprinkle a very little of this sterilized soil over the seeds. In damp climates no soil covering is needed, but a sprinkling of charcoal dust is good. Place a clean pane of glass over the flats or seed pans. If the sun strikes the glass, place over it a single sheet of newspaper. Always keep the seed bed moist, but not wet. Do not sow the seeds too closely, as they are to attain three or four leaves before transplanting. The glass should be removed as soon as the seeds have sprouted. The young plants should be transplanted as soon as possible into flats, spacing them one inch apart.

Petunia seeds should be sown out four months before they are marketable.

Petunia seeds sowed out in this sterilized soil will germinate 100% and the young plants will grow faster and be more vigorous. Also, you will not be bothered with weeds and fungi. These seeds are cleaned by a process where only the fertile kernels are selected. Ants will carry off the seeds if they have any access to same. Snails will eat the young seedlings—a great many in one night. For this reason seed boxes should be placed so that snails and ants are unable to reach them. Most of the loss of the seeds occurs in this way. We would suggest in this case that the seed box be placed on small blocks of wood, the blocks resting in jars or pans, the latter containing either oil or water. The ants or snails are unable to cross the oil or water, and so cannot reach the seeds.

If you have successfully raised Petunias from seeds before, use your own method. The above is given to those who are unacquainted with the handling of Petunia seeds.

### HANDLING OF YOUNG PETUNIA PLANTS WHEN GROWING IN 3-INCH POTS FOR THE MARKET

In order to have large flowers and brilliant colors in three-inch pots, a good soil is absolutely essential for the young plants.

**Following Are Directions for Preparing the Best Soil:** It is best to use an even mixture of leaf mould and old, rotten manure (four or five years old or from the hot bed). However, if no old manure is available, leaf mould will do. To a cubic yard of soil add a four-inch pot of fresh Portland cement, a five-inch pot of bone meal, a five-inch pot of dried blood and a regular water pail full of white sand. After mixing all of these ingredients, in a dry condition, run them through a fine screen. It is best to let this soil lie in the open in the shade of a tree or at the north end of a building to ferment for at least three months before using, but which is not absolutely necessary.

Do not add anything else, as this is the best mixture for proper results. Do not use powdered sheep manure, chicken manure or fish meal, for these ingredients act as poison to Petunias. When transplanting, the young plants should be planted so that just the root part reaches into the soil. If poor soil is used, plants will be spindly, flowers small and colors bleached out. This has been the cause of many complaints in regard to the Petunias not being large. You cannot raise good plants in poor soil in three-inch pots. Many mistakes are made in that the seedlings are set too deep. It is very essential to be careful in transplanting so that only the roots are under the ground, as when planted too deep they take much longer to start growth and many will damp off.

Our Petunias should not be pinched back when young, as they are naturally stocky and of dwarf growth, which we have accomplished by years of careful selection in that direction.

We receive thousands of questions from customers every season in regard to growing and cultivating Petunias best, and so we have tried to cover the most important of them in this article. However, there is an excellent book on the market in which nearly all the questions which are asked us are clearly explained. The name of this book is Fritz Bahr's Commercial Floriculture, which you can obtain by sending to us. (See the book page at the end of catalog.)

## LILIUM (Philippinense)

Diener's White Hybrids

Crossed with Liliun Auratum, the flowers are all white and very large. Seedlings flower six months after sowing and will flower several times during the year. This is a very valuable variety for bedding and cut flowers.

Packet 50c      6 packets \$2.00

## LILIUM (Philippinense Formosanum)

A new Lily from the Philippine Islands which flowers six months after sowing. Large, trumpet shape, white flowers with a great many blooms to a stem. This grows five feet tall. Is hardy and easy growing everywhere and one of the most showy Lilies in existence. It is best to sow out these seeds first in flats and give them only a light covering. When seedlings have a few leaves about two inches long transplant into the open, one foot apart. Flowers in the Fall.

Package 50c      6 packages \$2.00

## LILIUM REGALE (Regal Lily)

An easy growing, very hardy Lily from China with large, white trumpet flowers. Has a golden center inside and is very fragrant. This should be in every garden. Flowers in the Spring.

Package 25c      6 packages \$1.00

## HEMEROCALLIS

(Day Lily) (Hardy)

We are now offering seeds of our new hybrids. Some of the flowers reach 9 inches in diameter. Colors from pale yellow to deep orange and they represent the highest perfection in Day Lilies today. They are very free-flowering. Sow out like Pansy seeds.

25 seeds 50c      75 seeds \$1.00

Redwood City, California, July 19, 1938.  
Richard Diener Nursery, Oxnard, California.

Gentlemen: We had wonderful luck with all the seed we bought last winter. Our customers were very pleased with double Petunias and Pelargoniums especially. Sincerely,  
GERTRUDE HOOFT.

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Roosevelt, L. I., N. Y., Oct. 24, 1938.  
Richard Diener Nursery, Oxnard, California.

Dear Sirs: The Gerbera seeds which we purchased from you this spring came up beautifully and we had quite a few blooms on them, which we did not expect the first year. We have now transplanted them in the cold frame and hope to have some lovely Gerberas next summer. The Shasta Daisy seed came along nicely, too. We had just one daisy, which was lovely, but hope to have more the second year. The Ostrich Feather Aster seeds, which you gave us as a gift, were gorgeous in bloom this summer.

Very truly yours,  
MRS. WILLIAM ADACHI.



## GERBERA JAMESONI

(Diener's Hybrids) (Transvaal Daisy)

The sales of our Gerbera seed have been very satisfactory. This year the double strain have produced a greater amount of seed and we are now in a position to fill all orders promptly.

It is predicted that these new Gerberas will be in every garden in the near future. They are even successful in the far north where the temperature goes below zero. If they are covered just before the frosts start, with 12 to 15 inches of sawdust, pine needles, straw, or leaves, they will come through the winter in perfect shape. Many of our customers have reported that they were successful with this method last winter.

During the growing season Gerberas will stand plenty of water, more so than the old type. They should be in a location where there is good drainage so that the soil may not become water-logged. Where there is little or no rain, and irrigation is used, give them plenty of water. We have discovered that to bring the seeds up easily, when they are sowed in furrows, they should be covered with clean sand and no dirt. With this method of handling, the seeds come through easily. When dirt covering is used it is impossible to cover them evenly and many are smothered trying to get through. There is very little loss when a sand covering is used.

All colors mixed (single)

Pkg. 25c 1/16 oz. (about 500 seeds) 75c

1/8 oz. \$1.25 1/4 oz. \$2.00

1/2 oz. \$3.50 1 oz. \$7.00 ..

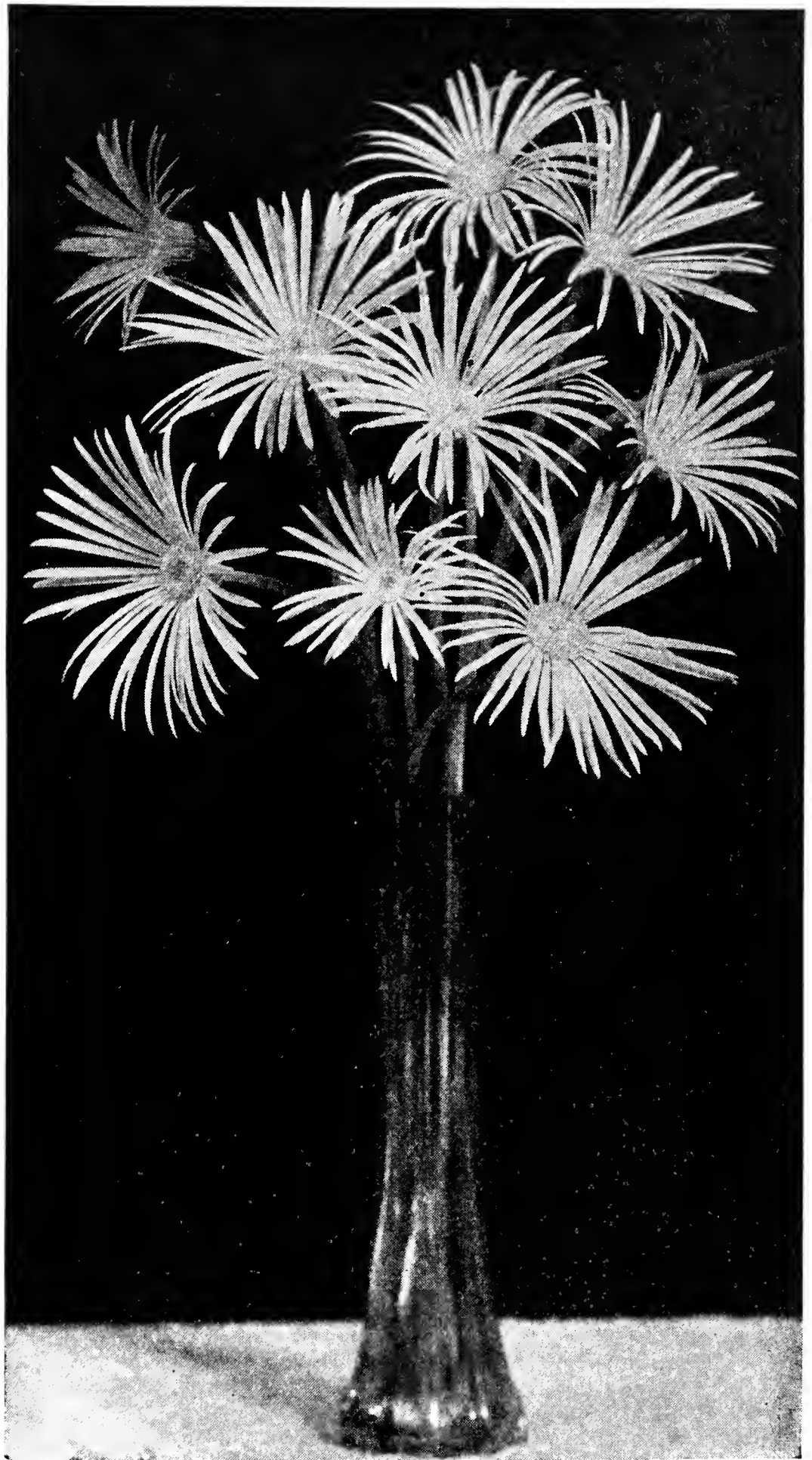
In separate colors of Pink in all variations, Pale Lavender, Red, Yellow and White

**Double Variety.** All colors mixed.

Pkt. (about 40 seeds) 50c 6 pkts. \$2.50  
(Not sold in quantity)

**New Single Garnet Variety**

About 40 seeds 25c 6 pkts. \$1.25  
(Not sold in quantity)



**GERBERA JAMESONI**  
(Diener's Hybrids) (Transvaal Daisy)

**Directions for Sowing Gerbera Jamesoni:** In those parts of the country where only light frosts are liable to occur, it is all right to sow Gerbera directly in the open, in rows one foot apart. Smooth the soil, then press the surface over with a flat board, then draw the rows with a pencil so that the furrow is not deeper than one-fourth inch. Drop the seeds into the furrows, about three seeds to an inch, and then cover with fine white sand, just enough to hold the seeds down. In using a sand covering every seed will come up easily and surely, while in the old way of covering with the same soil many seeds were smothered trying to get through. Water and cover with a frame made of cheesecloth shading. A light shade is necessary to bring the seeds up quickly. Keep the soil just moist. They should be kept in the place where sown without transplanting for at least four months, then they should be planted in the open fifteen inches apart and in rows two feet apart. It is very essential in transplanting the plants that only the roots are in the ground, the heart must be even with the top of the ground. If they are planted too deep it is hard for them to do well.

When you raise the young plants under glass and you intend to plant them out in the open, you should put them in a cold frame for about two weeks and shade them with

muslin or double thickness of cheesecloth. In this way the plants will be well hardened off and will not be burned by the sun when put out in the open. As Gerberas make very long roots if they are raised under glass they are best raised in solid benches and not in pots. It is our experience that they do not do well in pots, meaning for flower raising. But if planted out like Carnations or Roses they will do fine. They should have plenty of light.

In regard to fertilizer, fresh manure is poison to Gerberas; the best thing we have found is Vigoro; this is a well-balanced fertilizer and it should be worked in between the plants, at the rate of two pounds to one hundred square feet outdoors. The effect of the Vigoro will be noticed in the deep green foliage and the rich colors of the flowers in about two or three weeks. Gerberas are perennials and the plants can be divided after two or three years. All seeds that we send out are perfectly fresh, as we harvest the seeds the year around, summer and winter. So you will always get fresh seed. Gerbera seeds that are over six months old are practically worthless, as they will not germinate.

**STATICE SINUATA**

(Everlasting)

This is one of the best cut flowers for florists as well as the private gardens. Is easily and quickly raised and flowers continually. The more you cut of the flowers, the more it will flower.

By years of selection and crossing we have produced some beautiful clean colors in all shades of the rainbow and having large flowers on stems measuring from two to three feet.

Statice is to be cut when the flower is just at its best. Put up in bunches containing from one to two dozen stems to each bunch and hang them up in a dark room where they will keep for months. These are used during the winter months when flowers are scarce.

Statice is a perennial in localities where only light frost occurs but will not stand heavy freezing.

In separate colors of White, Deep Blue, Blue, Yellow, Pink and all colors mixed.

Packet 25c      ¼ lb. \$1.00      1 lb. \$3.00

**Pastel Shades Mixed:** This is a mixture of all the most modern shades of Statice of Chomois, reddish pink, flesh pink and all the intermediate colors for cut flowers and flower work. Nothing finer imaginable. All colors are clean and distinct. Years of crossing and selection have produced this wonderful strain. Try a package.

Packet 25c      ¼ lb. \$1.00      1 lb. \$3.00

**Directions for Sowing:** Sow the seeds in cold frames or boxes. Smooth the surface of the soil and sprinkle the seeds over it just as they are. Do not separate the seeds. Then press them into the soil with a smooth board. Cover them very lightly and keep moist. If the atmosphere is very dry it is best to cover seeds up with burlap and moisten the burlap three or four times each day. The seeds will be up in eight to ten days. Leave them in the full light as soon as the plants appear. Transplant two feet apart as soon as the seedlings have four or five leaves.

**SCABIOSA**

(Grandiflora Fl. Pleno) (Annual Double Sweet Scabiosa)

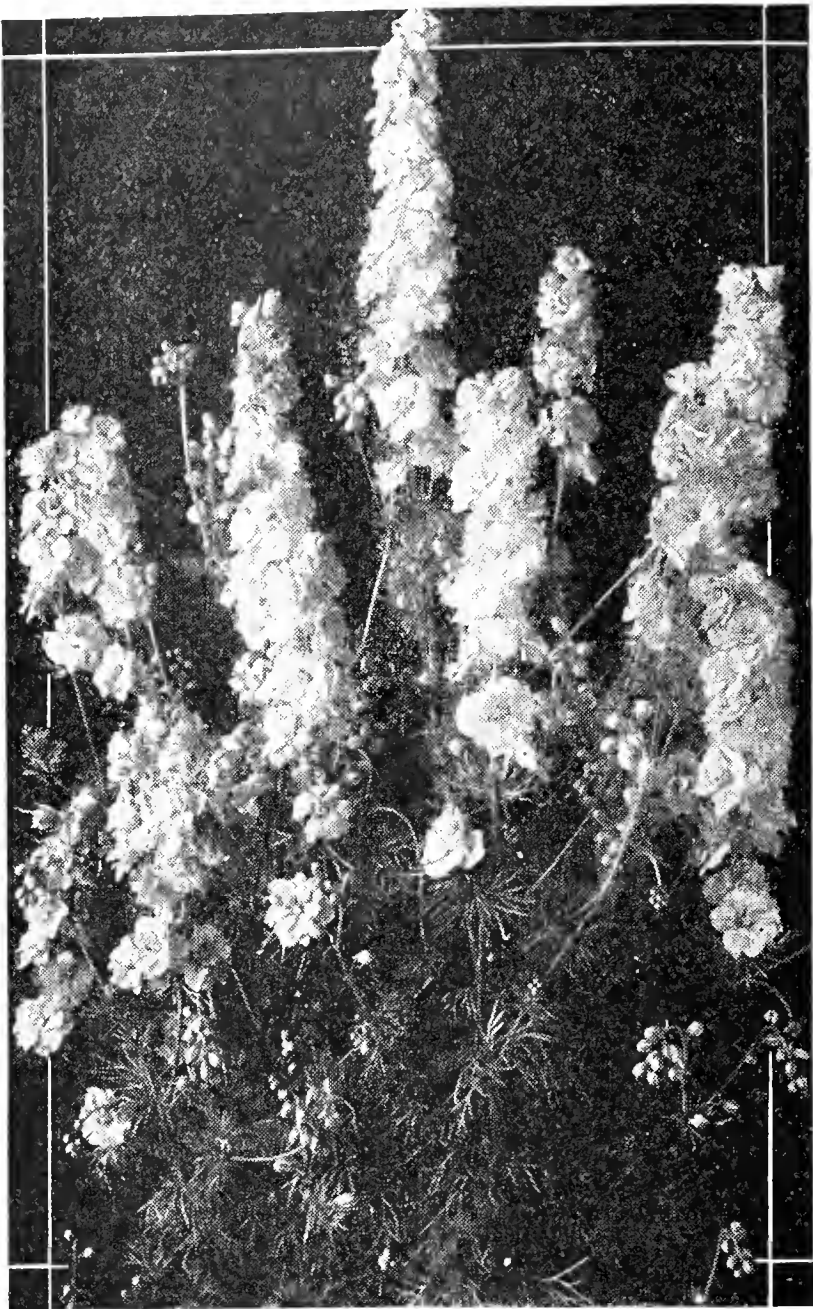
This is a mixture of the largest and finest double Scabiosa with strong, straight stems, three to four feet long. It is an unexcelled summer cut flower, which is sown right where you want it, best in rows.

All colors Mixed.....Package 10c    6 packages 50c

Birmingham, Ala., July 11, 1939.  
Richard Diener Nursery, Oxnard, California.  
Dear Sirs: I enclose my check for \$4.60. Please send me the enclosed order. I have been delighted with every purchase made from you.

Very truly,  
MRS. D. L. GILLARD.  
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Birmingham, Ala., May 29, 1939.  
Richard Diener Nursery, Oxnard, California.  
Gentlemen: I want you to know that I received Blue Ribbons at our Spring Flower Show on Pansies and Delphiniums grown from seed purchased from you. Both were exceptionally fine and have afforded us much pleasure. Thanks! Needless to say I shall patronize you again.  
Yours very truly,  
MRS. D. L. GILLARD.



GIANT IMPERIAL STRAIN OF LARKSPUR

**LARKSPUR (Annual)**

Giant Imperial (Improved Upright or Mammoth Column)

The Giant Imperial strain of Larkspur has been so far improved over the old stock-flowered strain that comparison is scarcely possible. The upright habit and close placed basal branched laterals are a great saver of space for greenhouse and garden rows.

Miss California, deep pink on salmon..	Package \$	.10
Carmine King, deep carmine rose.....	"	.10
Exquisite Pink Improved, rich soft pink.	"	.10
Exquisite Rose .....	"	.10
Peach Blossom .....	"	.10
Blue Spire, very deep violet blue.....	"	.10
Lilac Spire .....	"	.10
White Spire, good clear white.....	"	.10
Daintiness, delicate lavender.....	"	.10
Gloria, bright rose pink.....	"	.10
Mixed .....	"	.10

½ oz. 50c      1 oz. \$1.00

Milwaukee, Wis., May 13, 1939.  
Richard Diener Nursery, Oxnard, California.  
Gentlemen: Enclosed please find bank money order for which please send me the enclosed order.  
The seeds which I got from you this spring are all coming up very nicely and the seeds are far better than others.  
Yours truly,  
L. A. BURMEISTER.

**ASTERS**

We are offering the following varieties of Fusarium wilt-resistant strains of Asters which we believe will be practically immune to this disease and we feel sure that by using this seed many disappointments due to crop failures will be eliminated.

**EARLY BEAUTY**

Crimson .....	Package \$	.15
Lavender .....	"	.15
White .....	"	.15

**BEAUTY CARMINE ROSE**

Carmine rose .....	"	.15
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**UPRIGHT BRANCHING ASTER**

Flesh Pink (Pink Enchantress)...	"	.15
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**GIANT BRANCHING COMET ASTER**

Royal purple .....	"	.15
White .....	"	.15

**IMPROVED CREGO ASTER**

White .....	"	.15
Deep rose .....	"	.15
Pink (shell pink) .....	"	.15
Violet .....	"	.15

**OSTRICH FEATHER**

Deep rose .....	"	.15
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For all the above wilt-resisting varieties, quantity prices are as follows:

1/8 oz. 50c	1/4 oz. \$1.00	1 oz. \$3.50
(Larger amounts on request.)		

**IMPROVED NEW GIANT CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE**

A novel and distinct type of Aster. The outer petals are twisted and quilled and surround a central cluster of florets, which are of a contrasting pale color. Wonderful cut flower and makes a striking decoration for large vases.

Mixed Colors .....	Package \$	.10
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Quantity prices for the above are as follows:

1/8 oz. 35c	1/4 oz. 65c	1 oz. \$1.75
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**IMPROVED GIANTS OF CALIFORNIA**

Blooming season from early July until killed by frost.

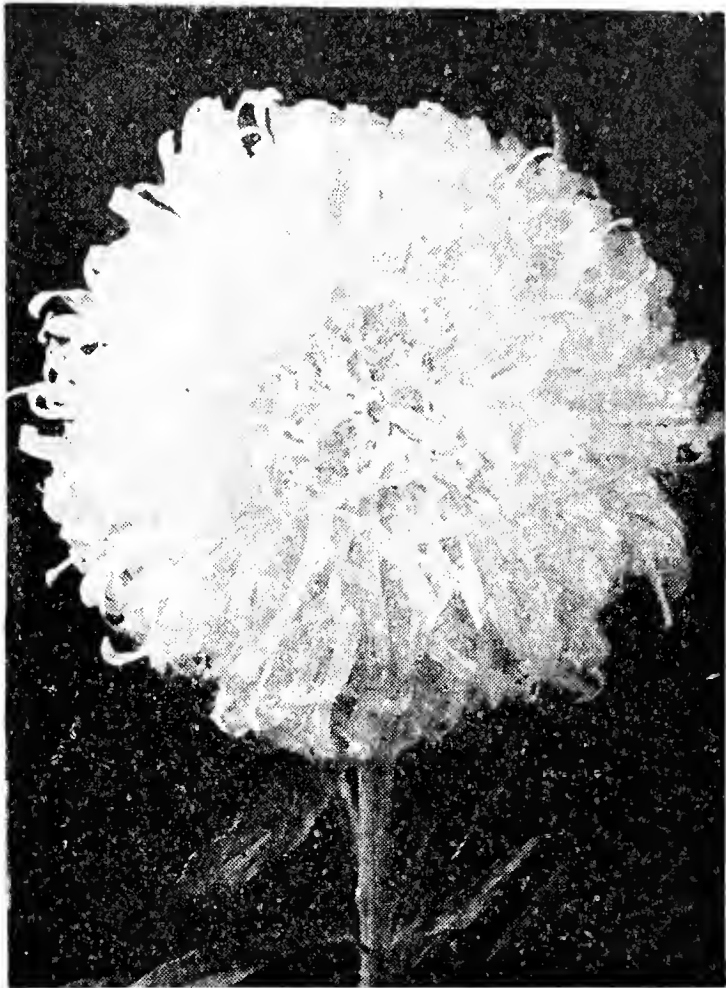
White, new, fine .....	Package \$	.15
Peach Blossom .....	"	.15
Light Blue .....	"	.15
Deep Rose .....	"	.15
Dark Purple .....	"	.15
Silvery Rose, rich rose, silver tipped...	"	.15
Finest Mixed .....	"	.15
One package of each of above at.....		.60

Quantity prices for the above as follows:

1/8 oz. 50c	1/4 oz. \$1.00	1 oz. \$3.50
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**ASTER SUPER GIANT EL MONTE**

The flowers are from 6 inches to 8 inches across, with full petaled, graceful, interlacing petals. Plants are about 2½ feet tall, with six to eight long, non-lateral stems per plant. Crimson, early. Packet \$ .20



**A NEW ASTER OF EXCEPTIONAL MERIT**

(Giant Mammoth Paeony Flowered Type)

This Aster is a fine florist strain. The flowers are of immense size, very double, borne on long, stout stems, quite free from laterals. They are good ship-pers, for they keep longer after cutting than any other Aster.

Swansdown, pure white.....	Package \$	.15
Azure Fairy, clear azure blue.....	"	.15
Maiden's Blush, delicate flesh.....	"	.15
Peach Blossom .....	"	.15
Mixed .....	"	.15
1 package each of four above colors.....		.50

Quantity prices for the above as follows:

1/8 oz. 50c	1/4 oz. \$1.00	1 oz. \$3.50
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**MISCELLANEOUS VARIETIES**

**ASTER SUPER GIANT LOS ANGELES**

One of the most popular Asters on the market. Flowers fully double, 6 to 8 inches across, delicately interlaced. Long, stiff stems. Soft shell pink blending to creamy pink at center. Package \$ .20

**ASTER WILT RESISTANT—GOLDEN SHEAF**

Deepest yellow Aster yet developed. Attractive double flowers are of the popular Aurora type, full-cushioned, crest-like center supported by several rows of short ray petals.....Package \$ .25





GIANT DAHLIA FLOWERED ZINNIA

**ZINNIAS**

Within the last few years these giant Zinnias have been improved to perfection. No matter how small the garden, it is not complete without these wonderful flowers. In window boxes and large tubs they will give great satisfaction and in good soil will grow perfectly. In fact, they bring splendid results in common soil. They are best suited to a hot place in the full sun. You will be surprised at the gorgeous colors and large size and how little effort it takes to raise them.

Directions for Sowing: Sow them out in a sandy leaf mould soil in pots or boxes. It is best to sow the seeds directly where you want them, about three seeds to the spot, two feet apart. Cover the seeds about one-eighth inch, not more, otherwise they will not come through.

**IMPROVED LILLIPUT, POMPONS  
OR BABY ZINNIAS**

Small, double flowers for pots, borders or cut flowers.

Canary Yellow .....	Package \$	.10
Crimson Gem .....	"	.10
Golden Gem .....	"	.10
Rosebud, new, rose pink.....	"	.10
Salmon Rose .....	"	.10
Scarlet Gem, Red Riding Hood.....	"	.10
Flesh .....	"	.10
Purple .....	"	.10
White Gem .....	"	.10
Finest Mixed .....	"	.10

Quantity prices for the above as follows:

1/4 oz. 45c      1/2 oz. 75c      1 oz. \$1.25

**DOUBLE GIANT DAHLIA  
FLOWERED ZINNIA**

**LUMINOSA**

This is an entirely new shade in Zinnias. A charming shade of bright deep pink, with a light suffusion of salmon.....Package \$ .15

**OLD GOLD**

Glowing, burnished deep and lighter shades of old gold .....Package \$ .15

**EXQUISITE**

By far the most pleasing of our collection. Truly Dahlia flowered as regards form and size. Color, light rose with center a deep rose..Package \$ .15

**ORIOLE**

We consider this the most beautiful of its class. It is an immense orange and gold bicolor, changing slightly as it ages, but at all times worthy of the beautiful bird for which it is named.

Package \$ .15

**ILLUMINATION**

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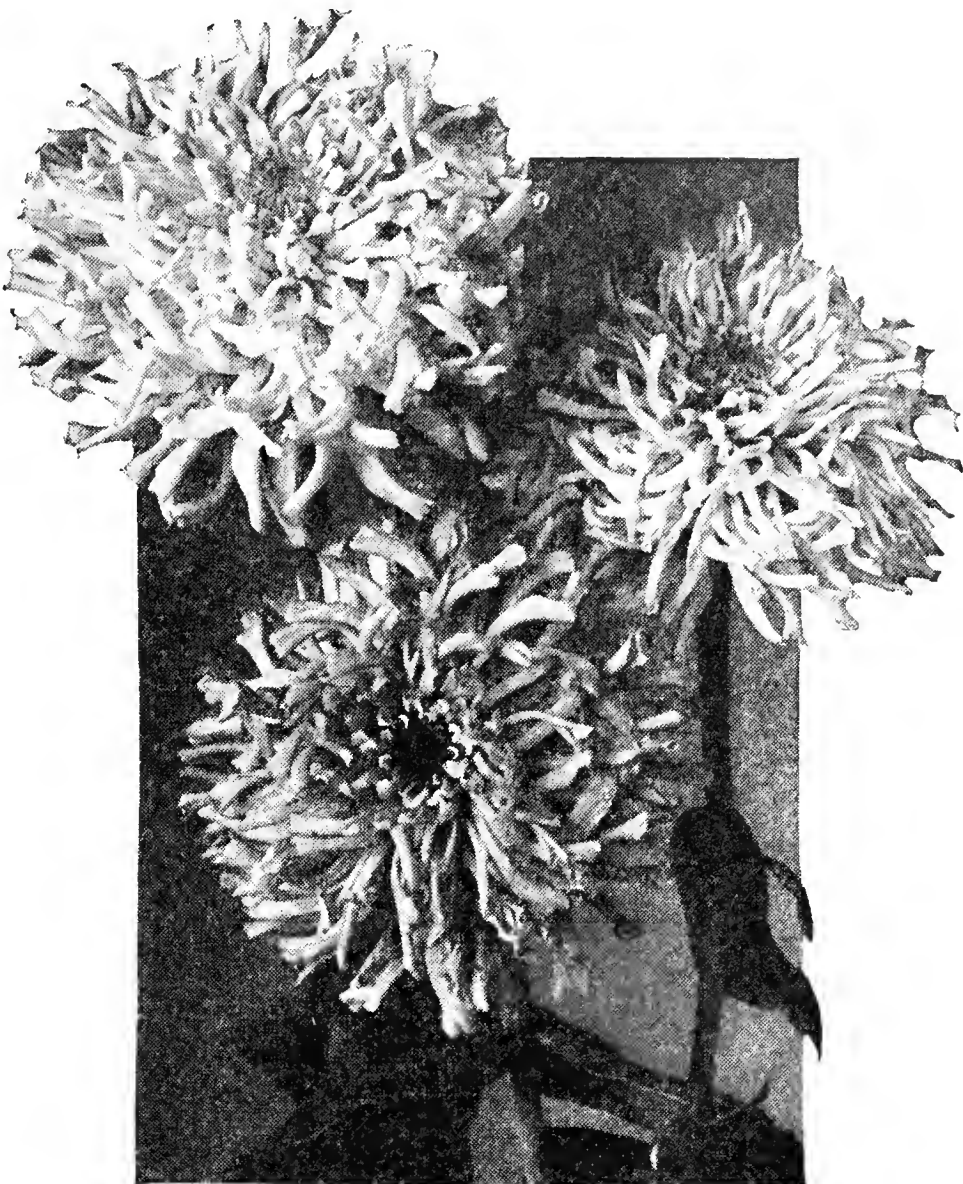
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(From latest crossings)

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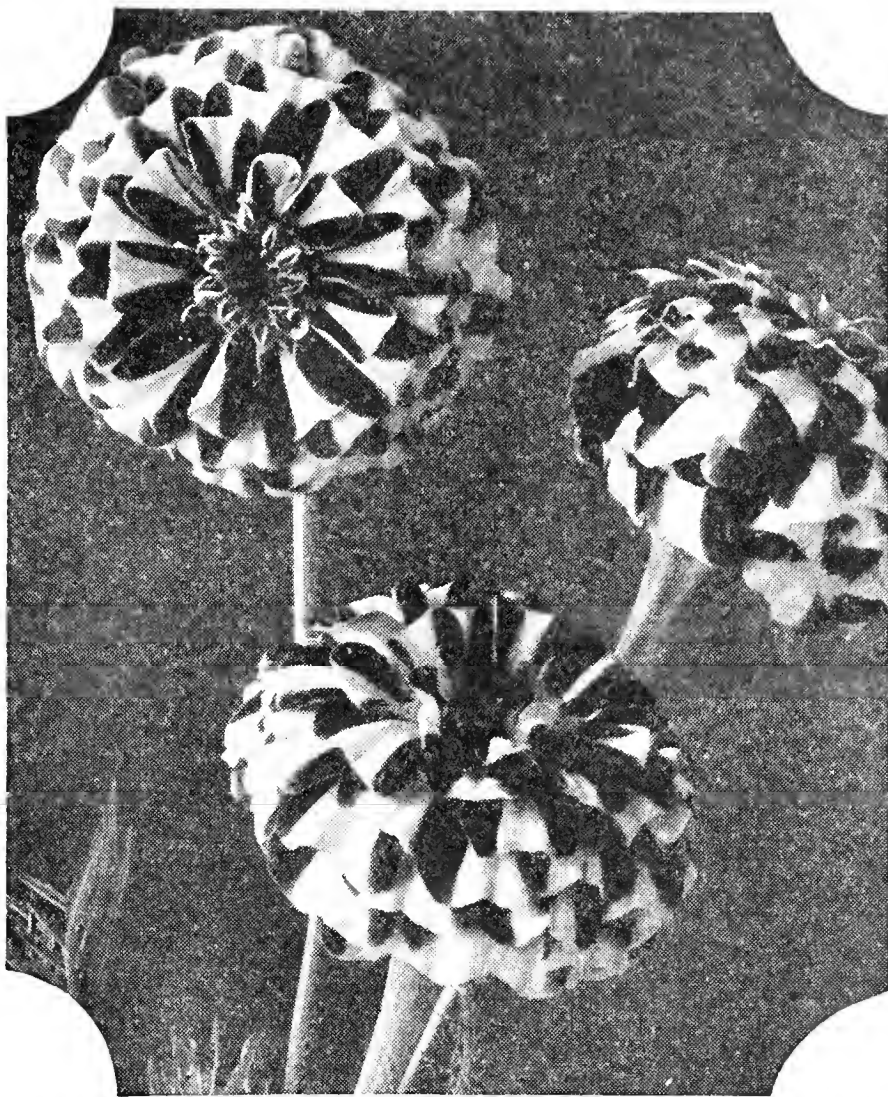
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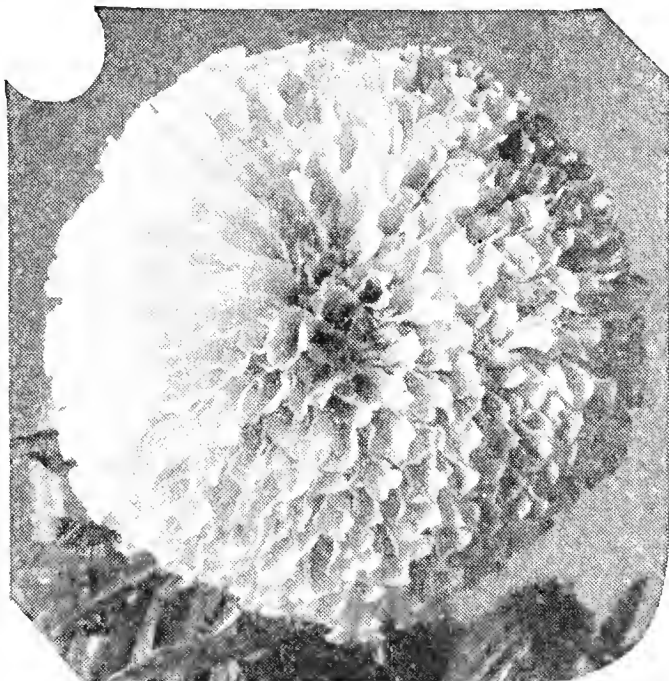
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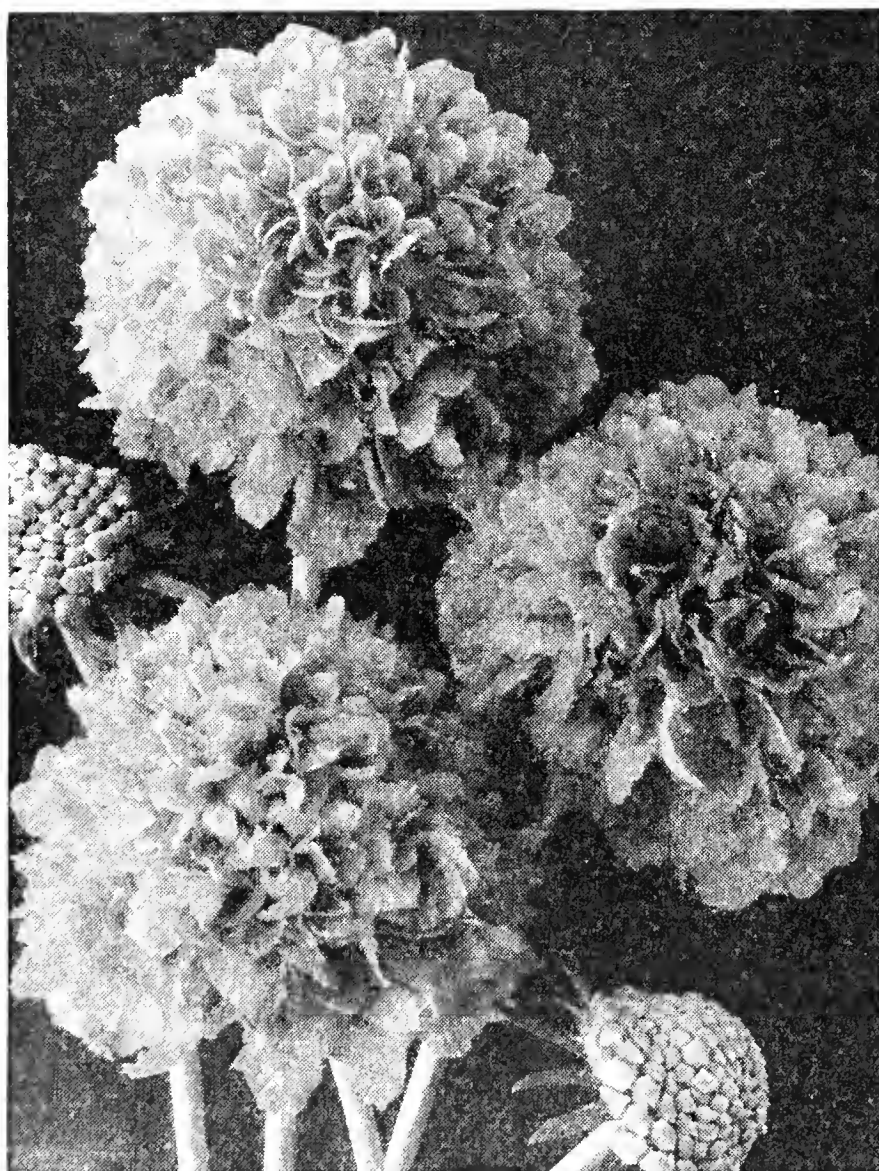


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Flowers measure as much as 6 inches across. From exquisite pastel salmons, azure blue and snowy white to the deepest blood-red and violet blues.

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A strikingly beautiful Scabiosa. The flower form is as different from the existent Scabiosa varieties. The flower is composed entirely of broad, heavy, wavy petals entirely unlike the old pin-cushion type. The color is a rich deep lavender blue. Blue Moon is an ideal cutting type, extremely upright growing, and the long, heavy yet wiry stems. Per packet 20c.



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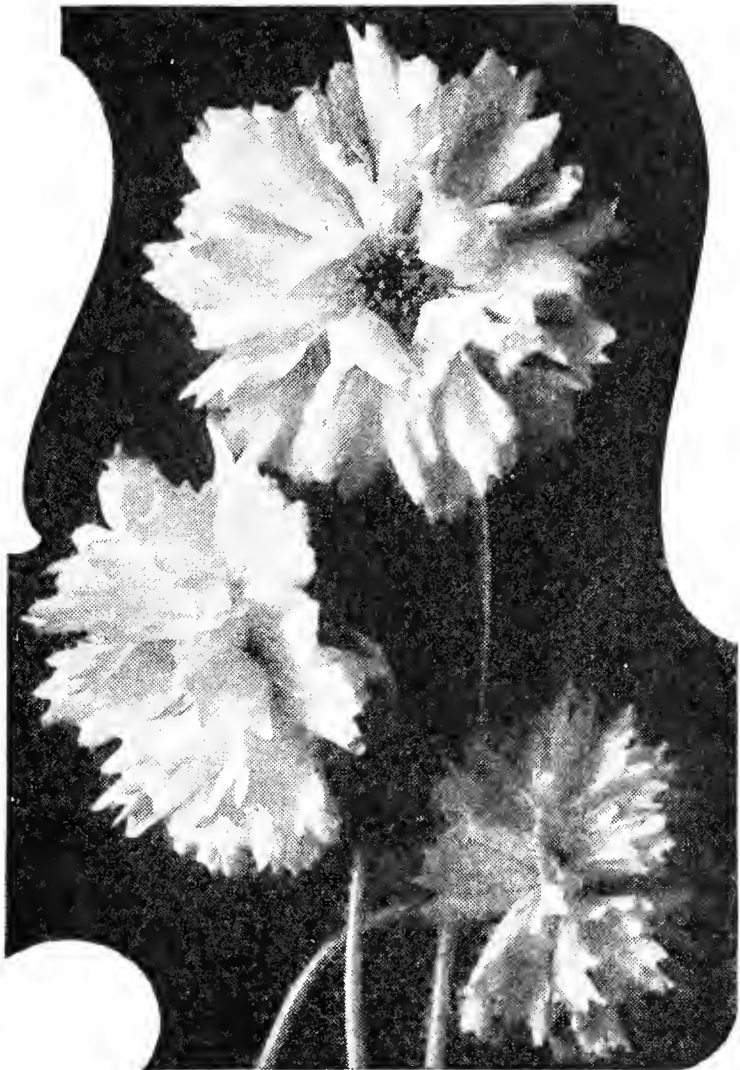
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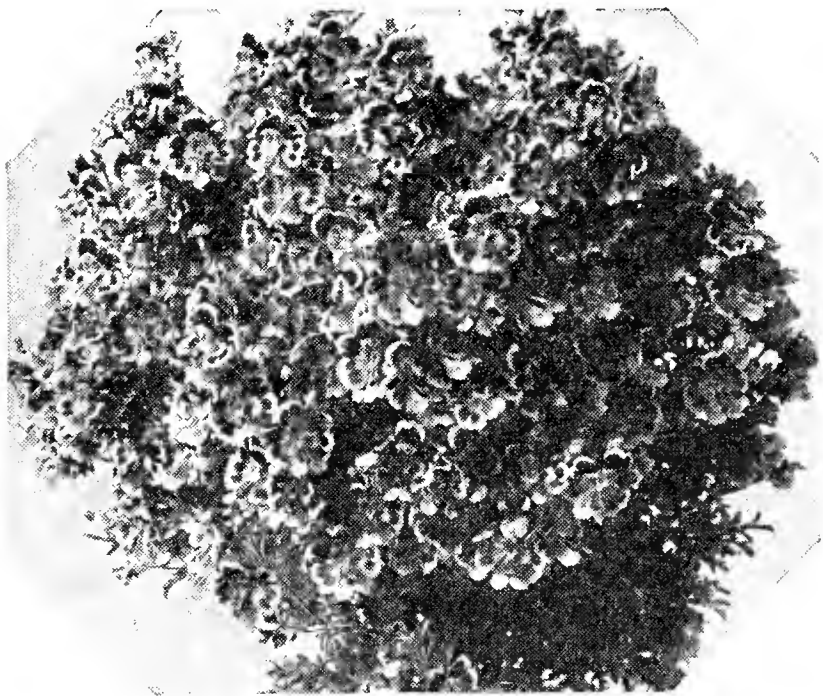
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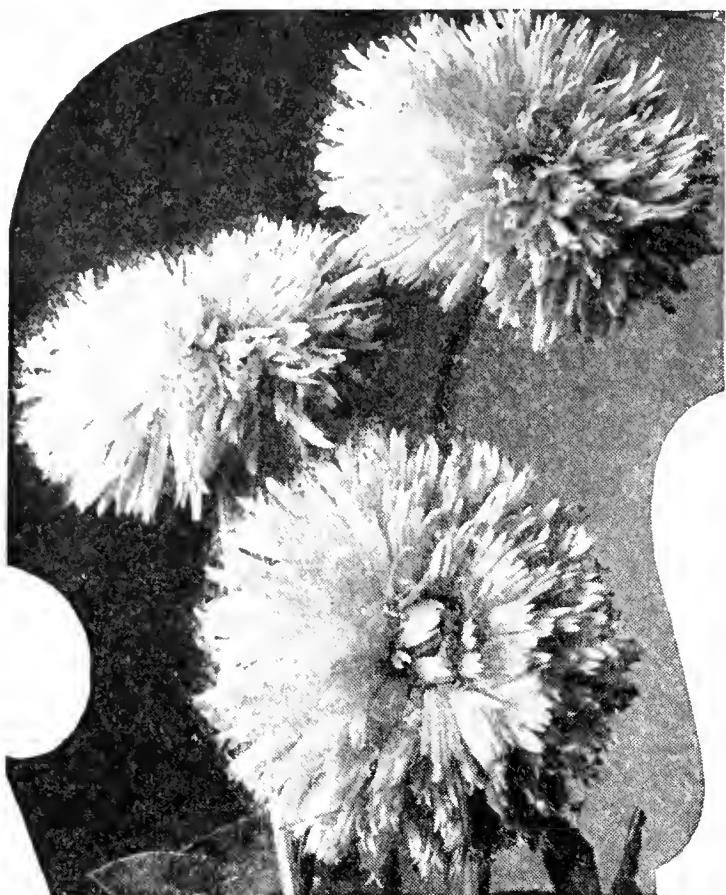
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Petals long and deeply fringed or lacinated. Row after row of these long fringed petals overlap each other in an irregular fashion. Color is deep orange shading to slightly lighter orange in the center of the bloom, giving the flower a delightful two-tone effect. Long stems and forms plants about 18 inches high .....Package \$ .20

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**BALL IMPROVED LONG ORANGE**—A new and very attractive variety. Flowers very large, bright golden orange with a light eye. Extra long stems.

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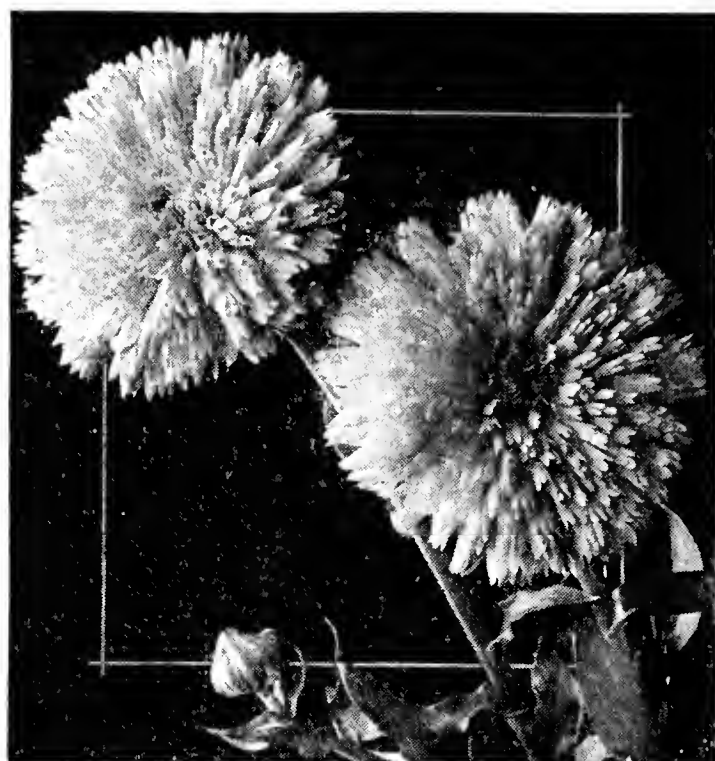
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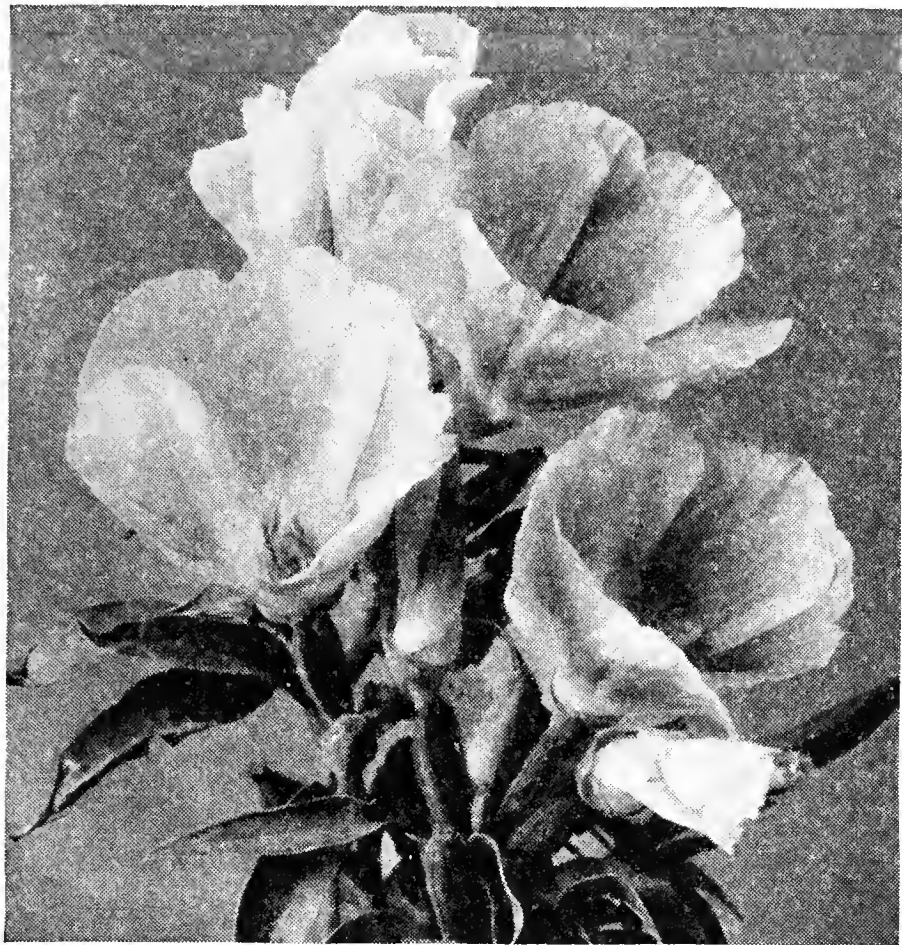
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Very truly yours,  
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A hardy annual, very valuable for bedding and borders. The satiny cup-shaped flowers cover the compact growing plants. The seeds should be sown in the fall or early spring. Finest Mixed. Package \$ .25

**CUCUMBER SEED "SENSATION"**

This cucumber has proved to be the most valuable variety for forcing under glass and in hotbeds, as well as for outdoors. In a greenhouse with a temperature of 70 degrees the fruit reaches the length of 12 inches in one week and is a deep green color. One plant will bring from 270 to 300 perfect fruit in one season. In order to get more fruit from a vine, never allow any of the fruit to ripen on the plant; as soon as they reach their full size, pick immediately.

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**Directions for Planting Cucumbers in Greenhouse:** The best way to raise cucumbers in the greenhouse is to make a ground bed of horse manure three feet high, packed as hard as possible, which has been moistened well when packed. Put over this one foot of good, old rotten manure or hot bed soil with a little sand mixed together with the manure. Then plant one row of young cucumber plants, preferably from 3-inch pots, about four feet apart, two plants to the spot, the two being about six inches apart. (The two plants are planted together so that if something happens to one there is always another plant to fill in the space.) The vines should be run over wide meshed wire netting which should stand 45 degrees. The vines should not be tied so when the manure settles there should be plenty of play. Otherwise the plants would pull out of the soil.

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Use one pound to fifty square feet and 330 pounds to an acre outdoors.



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For many years Mr. Diener worked on tomatoes, crossing all kinds together to derive a large size tomato of an exquisite flavor. He raised hundreds of large-sized varieties, but their fruit was too imperfect, having heavy cores and being rather crippled.

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The Ventura tomato is a smaller tomato of regular market size, weighing from four to eight ounces. It is immensely free bearing, has very solid, perfectly formed fruit, and a very fine flavor. It is the best fungi-resisting tomato yet produced.

**Directions for Planting:** If you have just a small garden, raise a few tomatoes in small lots. It is best to train them up on eight-foot-high 2-inch stakes. Train just one shoot, cut all side shoots away and tie the main shoot with strong twine. Set the stake at least 2½ to 3 feet in the ground so it will not fall over in heavy rains and wind. Place the stakes about three feet apart. Enrich the soil by fertilizing. Water once a week, but never over the leaves. Keep the leaves and flowers dry, as otherwise the flowers would drop off. Tomatoes should not be planted a second time in the same place until three years have elapsed. By this method you will be able to raise a quantity of fruit of the finest quality. The pepper tomato has a more spicy flavor and many of our customers prefer this variety.

### DIENER'S FORCING TOMATO

For Greenhouses and Frames. An immense free bearing tomato of about four to five ounces, fine red meat and the fruit is very even. There is nothing better in existence today for this purpose.

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(Diener)

A cross between Bell Pepper and Tomato. This tomato should be in every garden. Having the pepper flavor added to the tomato, it has a unique spicy taste, and all who have used them prefer them for tomatoes. It is extra early bearing; never has any deformed fruit; very solid and more egg-shaped than round, and from four to six ounces in weight.

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This is a large, yellow tomato, very early and free bearing. It has a fine, non-acid flavor. If you eat it once, you will want it in your garden every year.

Package 25c



15 lbs. on one branch

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"King of All Tomatoes"

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For those who have a small garden and want a few plants of each, we have made a collection of Pepper, Diener, Ventura and Yellow tomatoes and a package of cucumber seeds, each package containing about fifty seeds and each variety labeled in a separate package.

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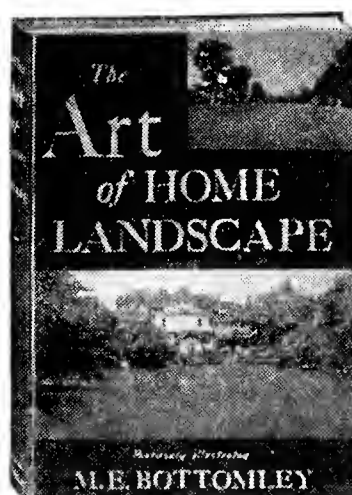
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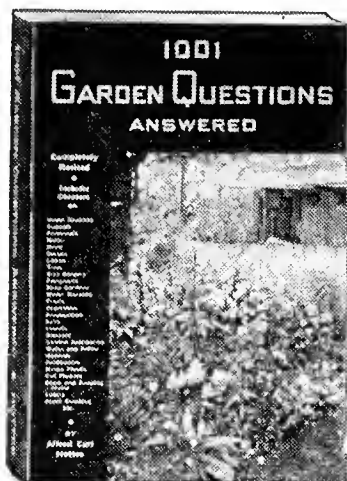
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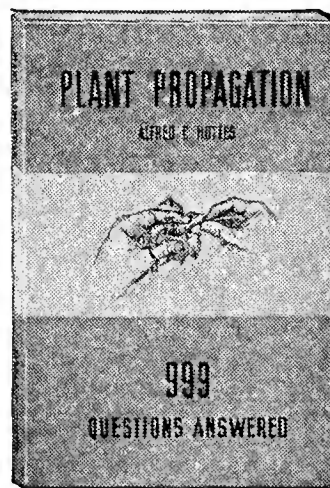
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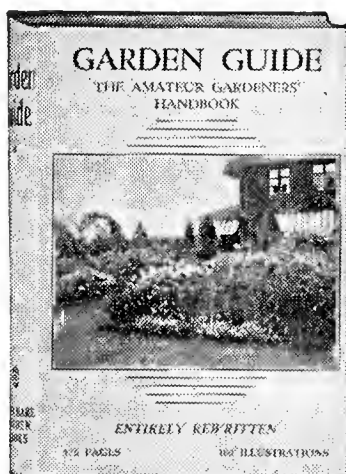
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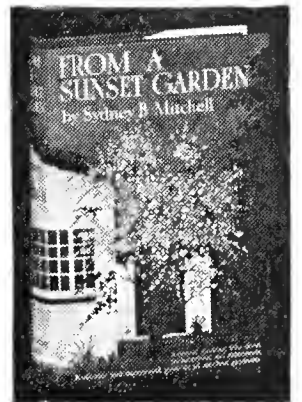
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